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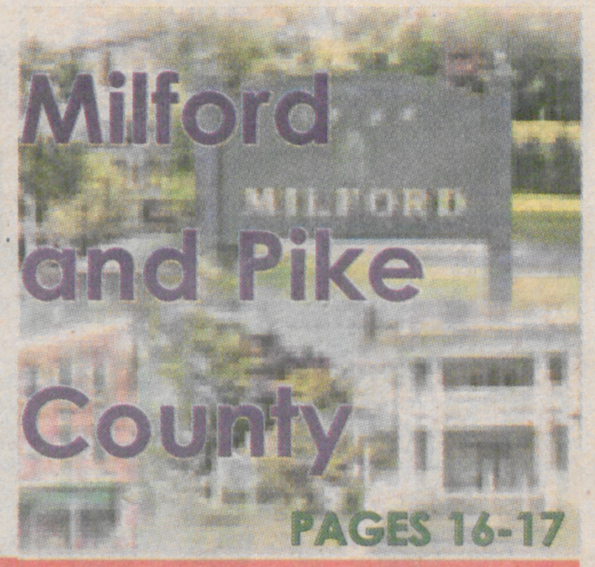

Golf Outing Too

50 Restaurants, 17 Isaac's Delis, Limousine Service Support AIDS Dine Out

Diners enjoyed the second-to-none menu of chef extraordinaire **Qui Qui**, (C), at **Mangia Qui & Suba** at Dine Out, sponsored by AIDS Community Alliance.

"Financial support from businesses and organizations makes all the difference," says Vicki DiSylvester, Director of Development and Events, AIDS Community Alliance. For ACA's recent annual Dine Out 50 of the region's restaurants, including 17 Isaac's Delis, and Unique Limosine supported the popular event.

For ACA's last Miniature Golf Night, 11 venues sponsored golf holes for the T-off held at Boulder's Miniature Golf, Mountville, PA.

"Our events are about having fun and making a difference in the lives of people who have HIV/AIDS," says DiSylvester.

Unique Limosine

New this year to Dine Out, Unique Limosine in all its locations supported the evening.

Isaac's Delis

A total of 17 Isaac's Deli locations participated in the event.

Lancaster Restaurants

Molly's Pub, El Serrano, Taj Mahal, Character's Pub, Doc Holliday's Steakhouse, Strawberry Hill, Belvedere Inn, Gibraltar, Checker's, Lancaster Brewing Company, Olde Greenfield Inn, Prudhomme's Lost Cajun Kitchen, Stockyard Inn, and seven Lancaster Isaac's Delis.

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Is Tax Commission a Rush Job?

By Pete Strella & Lindsay Davis

They say the road to hell is paved with good intentions.

That may be the case with Pennsylvania's recently enacted Act 1 which allows school districts to ease financial burdens of home ownership by lowering homeowner property taxes, especially senior citizens:

Tied to gambling legislation, the Act 1 is linked to anticipated annual revenue of $1 billion from gambling. The new-found gambling money

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BAGAL Soon Chamber of Commerce

Log Cabin Republican Speaks to BAGAL

"You don't have to be gay to support basic civil rights for our community," said Tom Caruso, organizer of Gays In Lancaster, a social group bringing together men from the region. You also don't have to a Democrat either.

Gays In Lancaster may be contacted at GaysInLancCounty@aol.com.

Mike Stara, Philadelphia Log Cabin Republican leader, recently spoke to the Business As-

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Like Carlisle, Easton & West Chester Push Anti-Discrimination

Following the trend that says diversity is good for business, Carlisle recently took up the question of adding sexual orientation and gender identity to its protected classes of residents.

Easton City Council Meeting recently unanimously passed an Anti-Discrimination Ordinance. The measure would protect people based on race, religion, ethnic origin, gender, family status, age, sexual orientation and gender identity from discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodation, and education. Mayor Mittman is expected to sign the legislation.

The new ordinance also creates a Human Relation Commission for the city of Easton. This Commission will be charged with implementing the new ordinance and working for positive human relations in the city.

West Chester Borough Council unanimously passed an anti-discrimination ordinance addressing sexual orientation. The ordinance prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and it will apply to the workplace, housing and public accommodation. Five people, appointed by council, will serve on a Human Relations Commission that will resolve and mediate the disputes. "We need to realize that people are people. I support this legislation," said West Chester Councilman Stephen Bond. In Carlisle, the cost of enforcing a similar ordinance that would include sexual orientation and

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PRIDE 2007

Pride 2007 – Joining the Pride 2007 Planning Committee are **Tammy Cassel**, (L), **Diana Kuhns**, (C), and **Alanna Berger**, (R). **Dave Walker** will serve as 2007 Pride Chair.

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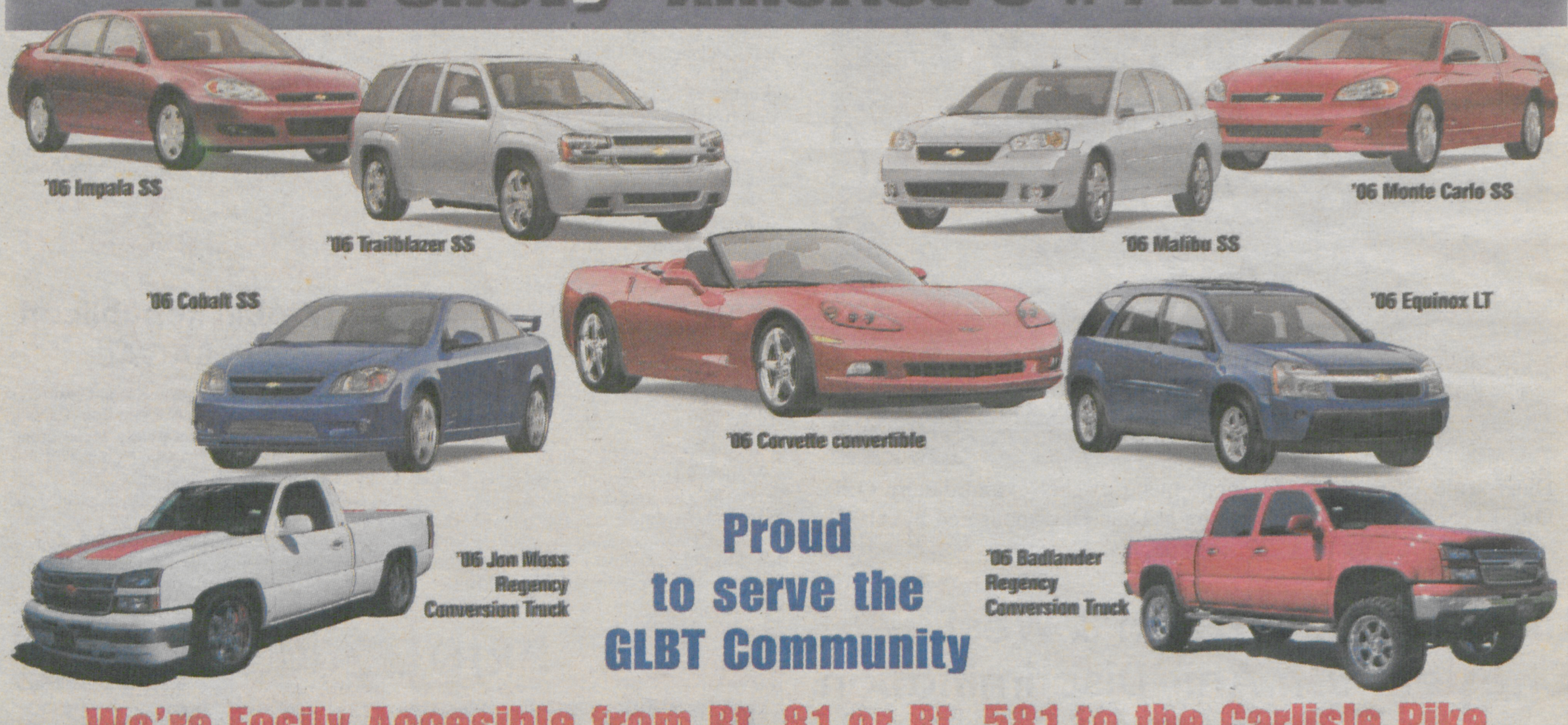

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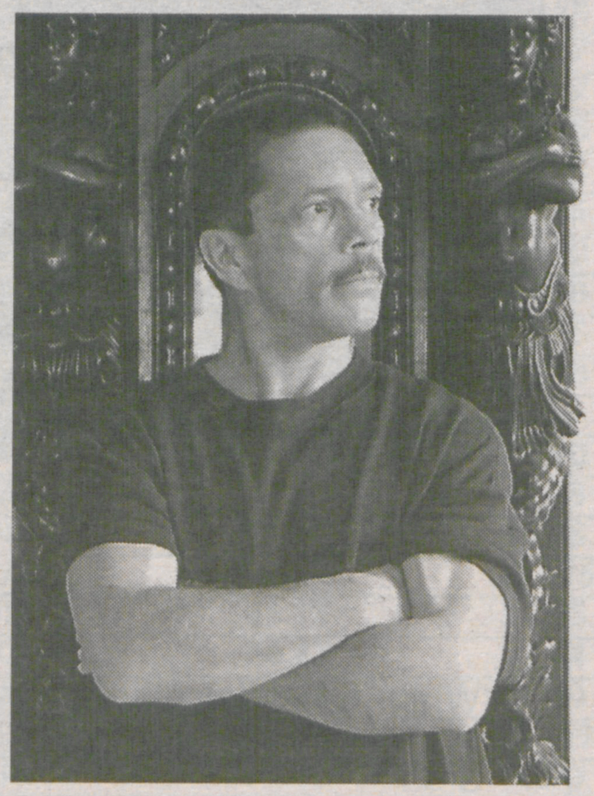

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BAGAL continued

sociation of Gays & Lesbians (BAGAL) on the different points of view among politically active gays and lesbians. Early next year, BAGAL will move to a new organizational model, one that includes reforming itself as a function chamber of commerce for the region's glbt business community.

"We're about gay civil rights first," stressed Stara. LCR bylaws forbid the group from endorsing a Democrat, but he and members often vote their conscience in the privacy of the voting booth.

"Gays have no one to blame but themselves for not being further ahead in their struggle for civil right," Stara said firmly. He also referred to the "Central Pennsylvania Closet," explaining that he was well aware that many men and women remain terrified of disclosure. "Staying in the closet doesn't help anyone," he said.

In contrast to Stara, Stonewall Democrat Ted Martin urged the audience to be politically active. "Republicans and those against us are hard at work right now devising ways to curtail our civil rights," Martin said.

Anti-Discrimination continued

gender identity was raised a potential concern by elected officials there. Carlisle now protects other groups in much the same way as the new Easton law does.

Easton city councilwoman Carole Heffley introduced the legislation. She and Mayor Phil Mittman met with the local glbt community leaders, including Earl Ball and PA-GALA's political director Steve Black and Liz Bradbury, who was then PA-GALA Lehigh Valley coordinator.

While initially running for office two years ago, both Heffley and Mittman pledged to support this kind of legislation. PA-GALA endorsed both candidates, each of whom won their respective seats by fewer than 60 votes. At that time Easton had about 200 people on the PA-GALA mailing list.

Chair of the PA State Human Relations Commission chair Steve Glassman, other state attorneys and Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Attorney Katie Eyer assisted with writing the legislation. Glassman also spoke in Carlisle on their efforts to pass a measure that protects expressions of sexual orientation and gender identity from discrimination.

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Ramifications of Vermont Civil Unions for PA Residents

By Derek J. Cordier, Esquire

In Vermont, much to their credit, they have a law that allows for civil unions for gays and lesbians. You do not have to be a resident of Vermont to obtain a civil union license. The laws under their civil union statute amount to marriage, with all of the rights and obligations, such as child and spousal support, distribution of property, and inheritance. However, a Vermont civil union does not give you any federal benefits, such as social security.

Basically if you get a Vermont civil union license – you are married under another name they call "civil union." Presumably such a decision to simply change the name was to appease those that believe "marriage is between a man and women."

I will have to save Massachusetts for another article. However, everyone considering a Vermont civil union should be aware that once they obtain the license, Vermont law applies to the union. Most every lover thinks partnership will never end when contemplating getting married or obtaining a civil union.

However, to get divorced in Vermont you must reside in that State for six months before you can file for a divorce or an annulment. Worse yet, you must reside in Vermont for a whole year before your divorce or annulment will be granted.

Although you may leave Vermont for just cause, such as employment, illness, etc, you have to prove residency for the entire one year period. Vermont is a no-fault and fault divorce State, so once residency is proven the divorce can be finalized. However, as in any divorce such can be accomplished either cheaply or expensively depending on how the spouses want to act during the divorce proceedings.

Here in Pennsylvania civil unions are not recognized by law. Therefore, you cannot get a divorce under your Vermont civil union in Pennsylvania. Part of the Vermont Statute states that you may not be a party to another civil union in order to obtain one in Vermont. Therefore, if you do not go forth with obtaining a divorce in Vermont, and you go through with a civil union in Pennsylvania, which presumably could be recognized in Vermont, you could run into problems of bigamy once you reenter that State.

Unless you plan to move to Vermont, getting a Vermont civil union license as a resident of Pennsylvania will never be recommended by me. You can accomplish most of the rights allowed by a Vermont civil union by obtaining an unrecognized by Pennsylvania law civil union in Pennsylvania, and then obtain Wills, Powers of Attorney, Cohabitation Agreements, and Custody Agreements, which are all recognized under Pennsylvania law.

Derek Cordier is trying to raise $10,000 for amFAR. For a $250 donation under his name to TrekamFAR.org, he will provide FREE OF CHARGE to the first 20 appointments: One Simple Will, One Living Will, One Power of Attorney for Healthcare, One Power of Attorney for Finances, One Medical Identification Card. Call him (717) 919-4002 for an appointment and details on how to donate.

Stonewall Democrats Ask Who Will Vote Nov. 7

As the election nears, pundits have upgraded Democrats' chances of retaking the majority in the Pennsylvania state House of Representatives and both houses of Congress. That's good news for glbt Pennsylvanians, according to the Capital Region Stonewall Democrats, the area's largest political organization of glbt voters and straight allies.

"Democratic majorities would be a strong roadblock to anti-gay legislation like the 'marriage amendments' that we have had to fight at the federal and state levels," says said CRSD co-chair Ben Turner. "Having Democrats in charge would improve our chances of passing laws to ban anti-glbt discrimination in the workplace. It does matter who's in the majority," he says.

"Anti-gay Republicans like Rick Santorum have had plenty of money to spread their message, but it all comes down to shows up to vote," says CRSD co-chair Judy Chambers.

Polling places in Pennsylvania will be open Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

CRSD's website - www.capitalstonewall.org - is now set up to accept online donations for the group or one or more of its endorsed candidates. The site also links to information on each candidate. All nine endorsed candidates support civil unions, oppose "marriage amendments" at the federal or state level, and support a ban on anti-glbt job discrimination.

The candidates are: Governor Ed Rendell; Bob Casey for U.S. Senate; Tony Barr for Congress, 9th District (parts of Cumberland, Perry, Franklin counties); Phil Avillo for Congress, 19th District (parts of Cumberland, York, Adams counties); Jon Eich for state Senate, 34th District (includes Perry County); and for state House: Joe Lombardi for state House (West Shore/87th District); State Rep. Ron Buxton (D-Harrisburg/103rd District); Dennis Coffman (104th District, includes Susquehanna Township and most of northern Dauphin County) and Cheryl Nick, 105th District (Lower Paxton and nearby parts of Dauphin County).

January 20-21

Common Roads' 2nd Annual Winter Arts Weekend '07

Mark your calendars now for some Folk, Funk, & Film, January 20-21, 2007.

Common Roads is holding its second annual Winter Arts Weekend featuring performances by Bobbi & Anne Carmitchell and Charles Lee, Harrisburg's American Idol, on Sat., Jan. 20, Rose Lehrman Arts Center, Harrisburg Area Community College, 7:00-9:15 p.m.

Bobbi and Anne, better known as the Carmitchell Sisters, have a wonderful rapport with audiences. They will delight you with their harmonies and make you laugh with their clever sarcasm and wit. Though some call it folk, Bobbi's songs are unique and wide-ranging.

Charles Lee puts on a one-man show full of the flavors of urban blues and Motown. This human dynamo with a phenomenal vocal range performs hits from the 50s and 60s, Cabaret, Motown and more.

The Sunday matinee at the West Shore Theater, New Cumberland at 1:00 p.m., will definitely warm your heart and chase the winter blahs away. *Coffee Date*, a romantic comedy about a practical joke gone awry, pokes fun at the many stereotypes we encounter every day—gay and straight.

Tickets for Sat. night's event are $25; for the Sunday matinee $12; buy a combo ticket for $35 and make it your Winter Arts Weekend!

All proceeds benefit Common Roads, south central Pennsylvania's only non-profit organization dedicated to the support and advocacy of lgbtq youth ages 14-22. Information, call 920-9534, info@commonroads.org, www.commonroads.org.

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Company	Symbol	Year High	Year Low	09/29/06 Close	Fortune 500
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Apple Computer Inc.	AAPL	86.40	47.87	76.98	×
AT&T Corp.	T	33.76	21.75	32.56	×
Bausch & Lomb Inc	BOL	84.30	40.75	50.13	
Best Buy Co. Inc.	BBY	59.50	40.66	53.56	×
Borders Group Inc.	BGP	25.49	16.20	20.40	×
Daimler Chrysler Corp.	DCX	60.22	45.98	49.96	
Dell Inc.	DELL	34.27	18.95	22.84	×
Estee Lauder Companies	EL	41.71	29.98	40.33	×
Ford Motor Co.	F	10.00	6.06	8.09	×
Gap Inc.	GPS	19.44	15.90	18.95	×
General Mills Inc.	GIS	57.00	47.05	56.60	×
Intel Corp.	INTC	27.49	16.75	20.57	×
Intuit Inc.	INTU	33.57	21.095	32.09	
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	65.13	56.65	64.94	×
Kraft Foods Inc.	KFT	36.47	27.44	35.66	
MetLife	MET	57.80	46.40	56.68	×
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Does it hurt?
Most patients say there is minimal discomfort during the treatment. The sensation can be best equated to a quick rubber band snap. If needed, a topical anesthetic can be applied before the treatment for sensitive areas.

How long does the treatment take?
Depending on the area being treated, it can take anywhere from 5 minutes to 1 hour.

How many treatments are needed?
Because hair grows in cycles and there is more than one hair in each follicle, it takes a series of treatments. Lébo recommends 6 treatments that are 4-8 weeks apart and then after the sixth treatment you begin maintenance, which is on an "as needed" basis. We typically will see patients about 2-3 times per year for maintenance.

How much does it cost?
The procedure is priced depending on the area being treated. The price always reduces with each treatment and the maintenance is very affordable.

Can I go back to work after having the treatment?
Yes. There is very little or no downtime after the treatment. You may be slightly red in the area that has been treated, but the redness subsides within about 1 hour after the treatment, and make up can be applied directly after the treatment if desired.

Are there any risks involved with having the treatment?
The laser is very safe to the skin and there are very little risks involved. However, a major contraindication to laser hair removal is having suntanned skin while you are going through your treatments. Because the laser is attracted to the melanin in the hair follicle, if you have a tan, the laser will read your skin before it reads your hair and you can potentially burn or blister.

How do I find out more about laser hair removal?
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Transgender: The Dream Comes True

By Kristen Richards

I dreamt it was three days before surgery. Anxiety over the surgery was gone. My body will soon be complete. Fortunately, one of my closest friends accompanied me for this life changing event. I was in good hands because the country's leading gender reassignment surgeon performed this complex surgery.

Two Days Before Surgery

After 10 hours of flying and driving, we spotted a road sign that says, "We Kept The Best For Last," Trinidad, CO, otherwise known as "the sex change capital of the world." In this small town with a population of 9,500, more than 5,000 surgeries have been performed since 1969. I've finally arrived. The hard part was getting there after 46 months of transition.

One Day Remaining

It's 9:00am. We arrived at my surgeon's office, Dr. Marci Bowers, for pre-surgery consultation. "Everything should be fine" she says, while probing over my naked body. Her goal is to recreate a fully sensate, orgasmic vagina from what was originally a natal vagina and unfortunately became a penis in the womb. We all began life in the womb as female. At the critical period of week Number 14, sex targeting hormones flush across the brain, determining gender. Periodically, an imbalance occurs. My brain was born female but my body wrongfully became male. Pre-surgery instructions: No food/water till after surgery - 28 hours away, and a bottle of the infamous bowel prep for cleansing purposes. The rest of the day was spent near home base.

Showtime

Two hours from surgery. My body was weak from lack of nourishment. But I had no nervousness. It's time to "do it up." Sleep has been a premium. The air was dry at 6,000 feet above sea level, affecting my breathing. Soon, a nurse walked into my room, handing me a pair of compression stockings (not the Victoria's Secret type) and an enema kit. Shortly after, another kit for good measure. Next, I was placed in a wheel chair, directed to the holding room and hooked up to an I.V. The anesthesiologist explained my sleep option. Before my long-anticipated rest, Marci held my hand, giving me a good luck kiss for good luck. Nite!

Awakening

Three hours later, I was awakened. A nurse and my dear friend stood over me, telling me surgery was a success. I was groggy and drugged, everything was a blur. The next 48 hours were an eternity which I spent in my bed. Drains and tubes extended from all parts of my body. Emotions were blunted from Morphine and medicinal cocktails. The hospital food lived up to its reputation. Thank goodness for cable television, CNN and my friend's beautiful smile.

Inner Peace

By Day Three, I began to feel human again. I reached for my laptop to connect to the outside world while listening to my favorite music. My spirits were lifted. As the music played, I cried uncontrollably over happiness. A feeling of calm and inner peace overwhelmed me.

Thanks

I quickly realized this was no dream. On May 5, 2006, my body was altered to match my brain. Many thanks, hugs & kisses to my closest friends that remained with me throughout this amazing process.

Tax Relief continued

is earmarked for local property tax relief as part of Gov. Ed Rendell's Taxpayer Relief Act signed June 27.

Some think the well-intentioned law was a rush job, forcing school districts into relying on volunteers to study a complicated tax scenario that the Pennsylvania General Assembly "mandated" to occur through the appointment of local tax commissions.

Although the general assembly has studied the Keystone State's labyrinth tax code, they have not been able to reform the tax system themselves. "They've pushed off on volunteers what they haven't been able to achieve themselves," one critic said, adding "And then they tell us they wanted to honor local control of the issue."

The Pennsylvania School Boards Association sent out an urgent statewide press release asking taxpayers to volunteer for the mandated Tax Study Commissions.

Even with promises of $1 billion in property tax relief, some players are skeptical that school districts, already carrying the burden of many mandated programs, will have been rushed into forming local commissions to study the issue of lowering property taxes. For example, with a pool of 21 applicants Lower Dauphin School Board recently was able to appoint the maximum number of commission members. Nine citizens will study the district's property tax structure for 90 days, as required by new state legislation.

In contrast to other districts in the region, board member Terry Whitmeyer noted that Lower Dauphin was fortunate to receive so many applications. He told his board colleagues about another district in the state that had receive only one application.

Middletown Area School District conducted a special meeting to meet the deadline. Luckily, they drew in individuals that represented their constituency. Even so, school board president Barbara Layne also pointed out that, "We got a good cross-section of our population, while some districts got very few, if any, applicants at all."

- January 2007: Deadline for board preliminary approval of ballot question.
- March 13, 2007: Board must establish proposed earned income tax (EIT) rate for referendum: Must fund 50 percent of district's homestead exclusion; not required to propose rate over 1 percent (MASD current 1.25 percent) Option to convert from EIT to personal income tax (PIT), which taxes more sources of income other than just wages and salary.
- May 15, 2007: Primary election day.
- July 1, 2007: Act 1 EIT tax, or new PIT, becomes effective, if approved by voters.
- September 14, 2006: School boards must have appoint tax commissions to study local taxes and recommend referendum question for 2007 primary.

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Music Review

Stallions DJ Barry's World of Music

Janet Jackson

Janet Jackson has the new single "So Excited" hitting the air waves. This song is anything but exciting and will be short lived. This is the same old boring Janet we have heard in the past. Get a clue Janet this is the year 2006, we are not in the 90's anymore. Janet thinks she is doing hip hop justice. I am tired of her sappy songs and boring beats. Girl pump it up!

Brooke Hogan

A new comer to the music world is Brooke Hogan. Brooke is the daughter of the famous wrestling superstar Hulk Hogan. The new song from her to watch out for is called "About Us". Brooke has vocals that are sexy and dynamic, along with some nice music arrangements. She might be able to hang around for awhile if this one takes off for her.

Lucky Twice

The euro song "Lucky" by Lucky Twice is full of high pitched vocals, a repeating chorus, and happy beats. Listen to the song three times and it is sure to get locked in your brain. I like this one, it is a fun and simple song.

Nick Lachey

Nick Lachey has a new single "I Can't Hate You Anymore". Nick should tell Jessica Simpson this because he will need some money soon, this song is garbage. I thought the first single "What's Left Of Me" was not bad but this one will die fast.

Justin Timberlake

Justin Timberlake is already pushing out the next single "My Love". The first single "Sexy Back" grew on me after some time. "My Love" has to be my most hated song at the moment.

Beyonce Knowles

Beyonce Knowles, the multi-talented, one third of girl group Destiny's Child, is back on the scene. For the time being Beyonce has the new single "Deja Vu".

Freemasons or Maurice Joshua

Check out the extended dance mixes by the Freemasons or Maurice Joshua for something to get you up and moving.

"Dreamgirls"

Some of you, by now, may have heard the remake of the wonderful song "One Night Only". The dance mix by Jones & Kupper sets this song on fire for the club scene. The song is actually from the Broadway musical "Dreamgirls". The musical is yet another to go into movie form and will be released late November. Beyonce has a starring role and sings one of the main songs in the film so how can this not be a hit movie? Along for the ride in the movie is Jamie Foxx, Eddie Murphy, Jennifer Hudson, and Danny Glover, you can probably expect this to be one of the big movies of the year.

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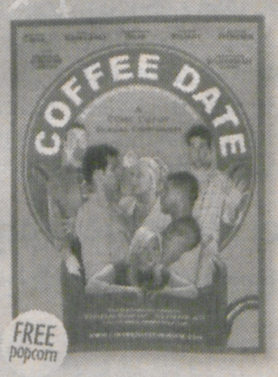
Todd (straight) ends up on a blind date with a gay man, Kelly, the result of a practical joke played by his brother, Barry. To Todd's surprise, he and Kelly strike up a friendship. They decide to take revenge on Barry by reversing the joke. After their date, the pair saunter past Barry holding hands. The Joke works too well. Freaking out and convinced Todd is gay, Barry calls their mother to break the news. Concerned, she arrives on the next plane. Despite his vehement denials, Mom now sees Todd's love of movies and theater, as well as his lack of interest in sports, as clear signs she'd previously missed. She is determined to prove to her son that she loves him no matter what. Nothing Todd says or does can convince her that he's actually straight! Soon everyone in his life believes he is gay. His frantic attempts to prove his heterosexuality with a sexy younger women end in disaster. He starts to wonder, could his feelings for Kelly be more than he'd ever suspected?



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Letters to the Editor

Big News around Town

Dear Editor,

The Pride picture on (Sept.-Oct. 06) last issue's page 1 has been big news at all the bars and around town. People have been telling me they want to blow up the photograph and frame it for me.

Thank you,
Visa D'Kline

(Visa's photograph by Dillsburg's Jeb Boyd of herself and a Pride protestor appeared in the Sept.-Oct. 06 issue.)

Pride Photo Credit:
Jeb Boyd, Photographer & Silent Witness Volunteer.

Jeb Boyd

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Greatest Turnout to Date

Dear Editor,

Thank you for mentioning our last "One Night Stand Exhibition Series" of emerging local artists. You were wonderful in mentioning the last show and it was one of the greatest turnouts to date. Because of the show's success and enthusiastic reception, we've scheduled another show like it.

Bryan Molloy
Artist & Reader

Pride Chair Loves Photo

Dear Editor,

I love the photo of Club XS manager Visa D'Kline and a protestor on Page 1 of your last issue! (Sept-Oct 2006)

Kirk Baney, Chair
Pride Festival 2003-2006

Parade Organizer Dan Stroup

Dear Editor,

Great Pride and Parade coverage!

Dan Stroup, Organizer: Central PA Gay Pride Parade 2006

Parade Coverage Great Job

Dear Editor,

Great job on covering the first Gay Pride Parade.

Mike, a Reader

Behavior Reprehensible

Dear Editor,

I had the most wonderful time at PrideFest! I'm a 51 year old straight Unitarian Universalist who volunteered to be a Silent Witness.

I've attended and worked many events of different kinds over the years and never did I attend a more pleasant event, nor was I ever shown so much appreciation for so very little work done.

I was absolutely mortified at the behaviors of the so-called "Christian upholders!" There demeanor and behavior was reprehensible. Funny thing is my God told me to go to PrideFest to support my friends. Go figure!

Jeb Boyd
Pride 2006 Silent Witness

Switching Teams?

Dear Editor,

According to the Human Rights Campaign of Washington, D.C., the office of Rick Santorum recently signed a non-discrimination agreement. This agreement would prohibit the termination of any employee on the basis of sexual or gender orientation. Then, HRC reports, he later made statements to the press that his office must have made a mistake in signing such an agreement. He should be able to fire anyone he wants to for any reason.

Granted, Pennsylvania is an "at-will" state with respect to employment law. However, I think the adjective "mean-spirited" is becoming passé, and should be replaced by "idiocy." Specifically, idiocy by a public servant who is more interested in causing disruptions in our community than in doing his job. A callous statement like his has a particularly subhuman tone to those of us who have been removed from jobs without just cause while our heterosexual counterparts went on working.

To look on the bright side, however, I've never been fired by 600,000 Pennsylvanian voters simultaneously!

Sincerely,
Dan Kane

Faraway Reader, Scranton

Dear Editor:

I write to encourage readers who believe that prescriptions should not be mandated by insurance companies and received through the mail. I'm asking your readers to contact Gov. Rendell and legislators and local chambers of commerce to expedite passage of HB 814.

HB 814 gives "freedom of choice" to purchase prescription drugs at your local pharmacy. Consumers need face-to-face contact with someone we trust and who knows our medical history.

A Scranton Reader

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A Good Year

(Directed by Ridly Scott; Rating PG-13; Starring Russell Crowe)

In this witty comedy/drama an Englishman, Max Skinner (Crowe), whose whole life is about making profit inherits land in Province from his diseased Uncle. Upon arriving he meets a woman who is convinced that the land is hers. Skinner has continuous flashbacks of his life at the house when he was a young boy, but wishes to sell the land. The storyline is very well written and will keep you guessing until the end.

Happy Feet

(Directed by George Miller; Rating PG; Starring the Voices of Robin Williams, Hugh Jackman, Nicole Kidman, and Brittany Murphy)

Happy Feet is an animated comedy adventure leading you into the world of Emperor Penguins who live in Antarctica. These are very unique penguins that find they mates through song. When a penguin that is probably one of the worst singers that the Emperors ever heard is born, everything is thrown off. But Mumble (voice of Elijah Wood) can tap dance better than any other. Soon the whole flock is tapping their feet along with his!

Eragon

(Directed by Stefan Fangmeier; Rating n/a; Starring Edward Speleers and Sienna Guillory)

Based on the riveting novel by Christopher Paolini, the movie Eragon is about a boy, Eragon (Speleers), who finds a magic stone on a mystical mountain. It hatches into a beautiful blue dragon, a race that was thought to be vanished, or extinct. Eragon bonds with the dragon and when his family is killed he learns that he is one of the last of the Dragons Riders. Eragon learns that he alone can either save or destroy an entire Empire. In this captivating fantasy you will be on the edge of your seat the whole time.

The Holiday

(Directed by Nancy Meyers; Rating n/a; Starring Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law, and Jack Black)

The holiday, a romantic comedy, the plot follows two women, (Diaz and Winslet), that live on completely opposite sides of the world They do have two things in comment though, they both have many troubles with life and even more with men. Just when they think they've had the two strangers meet on the Internet and decide to swap lives, and countries! While exploring the new land they each meet a local guy and fall in love, what they swore they wouldn't let happen again. The movie is well written and a cute comedy that will let the whole theater know how much a change of address can completely change you!

Dreamgirls

(Directed by Bill Condon; Rating PG-13; Starring Jennifer Hudson, Jamie Foxx, Beyoncè Knowles, Anika Noni Rose and Eddie Murphy)

This amazing drama is based on the musical Dreamgirls. In the 1960-1970's a three African American women (Hudson, Knowles, and Rose) form a group called The Dreamettes. They are discovered by a manager, Curtis Taylor Jr. (Foxx) at a talent show. Taylor gives the trio the opportunity they have been dreaming of, to be on stage, but only as backup singers for James "Thunder" Early (Murphy). Taylor gradually takes control of how the girls look sound and eventually offers to get them a record deal as The Dreams. The spotlight seems to concentrate only on gorgeous Deena (Knowles) and leaves the other two behind, pushing Effie (Hudson) out altogether! The girls get all the fame and fortune that they ever wanted but they realize that the price of all that glamour may be a little bit too high.

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Club XS Opening

Dane Austin Design – Washington, DC-based **Dane Austin**, known for his "style, comfort, and sophistication" designed the fabulous interior of York's Club XS. DaneAustinDesign.com

Bar manager **Charles Oswald**, owner **Joel Weinstein**, staff **Jerry Griswell,** and club manager **AJ McKibbin.**

Multi-use space – Club XS offers a flow of rooms and spaces on one level, all connecting but discreet.

Money Men – Central Voice sales person **Kristen Richards** (576-4326), Club XS financial associates **Dana Barooshian, Clark Horvath, Dean Andrew**, and owner **Joel Weinstein**.

First Drink – This lifelong York County resident purchased the first drink on opening night.

Cheers!

All in the Pool - Besides party space, Club XS offers quieter moments with a hidden, but nearby the action, pool room.

Is HIV Advertising Out of Control?

By Jack E. Jett

QTV's Queer Edge with Sandra Bernhard

Hey, whassup? I remember when the Budweiser Beer commercial first aired. I thought it was so stupid that it made me want to drink the beer, so I could be equally as butch and become even more stupider (word created while drunk). Well, I drank the beer and while the stupid part came to fruition, the butch part did not. I have always been a fan of ad campaigns and have great respect for those that can create a catch phrase that becomes part of our pop culture. I enjoy finding a commonality among various campaigns, such as "Where's the Beef?" and "Nothing Comes Between Me and My Calvin's"

Many of us with HIV have seen a plethora of advertising campaigns come and go. Many of us long-term survivors date ourselves by mentioning old campaign slogans, such as, "Silence Equals Death". I firmly believe that groups like ACT UP

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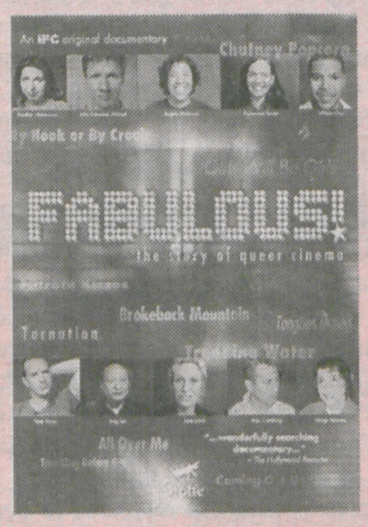

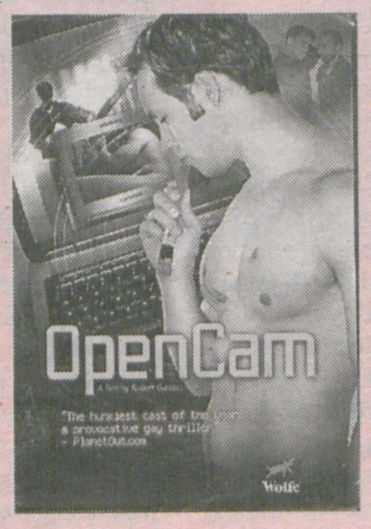

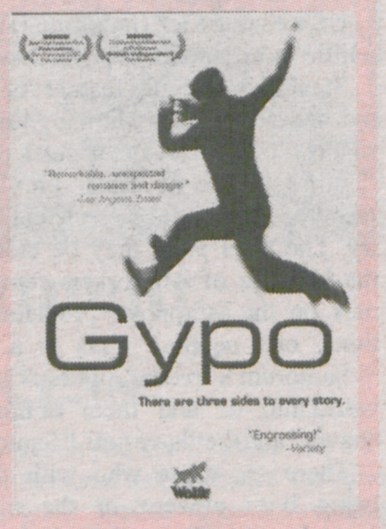

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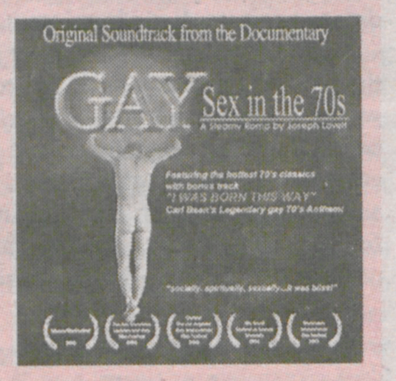

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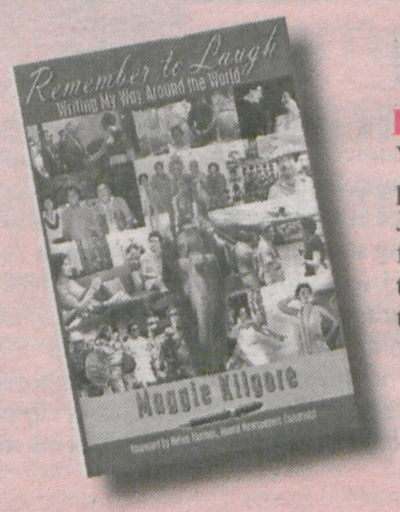
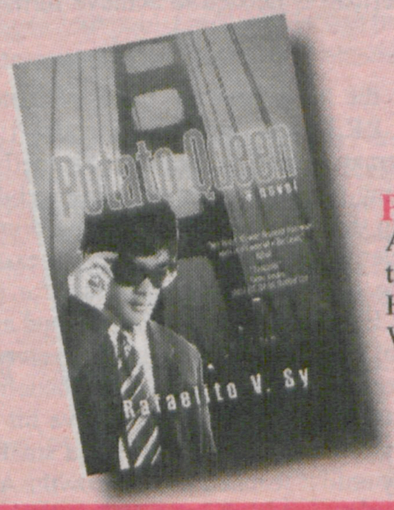


Remember to Laugh

Veteran journalist Helen Thomas, whom Bob Dole pointed out at a dinner was wearing a gown from the J. Edgar Hoover Collection, wrote the Introduction for Maggie Kilmore. Kilmore is herself a veteran of the old newspaper beat. A good read, funny, against today's usually grim news. www.palaribooks.com

Conversations and Cosmopolitans

This is the true story of a gay boy and his mom as they go through the trials and zany tribulations of leaving home, joining Weight Watchers, a summer on Fire Island, and body waxing.



Potato Queen

A wonderfully lyrical tale about glimpses of realistic relationships. Readers say," This has to be me!" Hilarious too. The Asian perspective is universal. We all want to be loved. www.palaribooks.com

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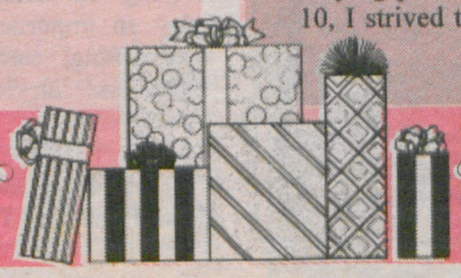
·Christmas · Hanukkah · Yule ·  ·Kwanza · Solstice · Festivus ·

Financial: Maintaining a Safe Deposit Box

By Maryanne Knaub

Valuables, such as certificates, family treasures and videotapes of your property, are best kept in a bank's safe deposit box. Here are some tips for maintaining a safe deposit box:

Insurance coverage.

Contact your insurance agent to discuss covering items kept in a safe deposit box. Because the box's contents are not known to the bank, it can't be responsible, unless a bank is found to be negligent in the way it handles a safe deposit box. The bank cannot be held liable for loss from natural disaster or theft, unless it is proven that a bank employee was involved.

Protecting contents.

Boxes are manufactured to resist heat from fire and damage from earthquakes, but there is no foolproof protection. Because most safe deposit boxes are kept at basement level, flooding is the No. 1 cause of content damage. Consider sealing items in a plastic bag or using plastic storage containers before placing them in the box. Keep a list of your items and take a picture or video of the contents. That way, if a disaster strikes, you have a better chance of identifying and recovering lost items.

Deciding what to store.

Don't store items in your safe deposit box that you'll need in an emergency, such as original power of attorney documents, medical-care directives and passports. Keep copies in the safe deposit box and keep the originals at home in a fireproof safe. Finally, make sure two family members have a key in case you need to get in the box right away.

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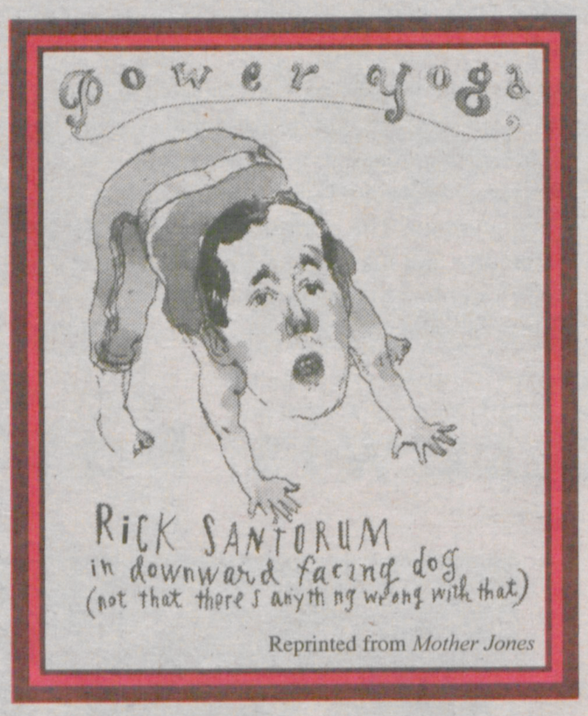

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Opinion: Hazelton & Immigration: Are Gays Next?

By Yvonne Small

US Senator Rick Santorum (PA) should spend a little more time in the Steelton-Highspire area.

Steelton's unique feature is the many ethnic and social clubs lining Main Street. In the shadow of the decaying steel plant live ethnic families whose ancestors provided the human resources to produce steel that built this country. The steel plant may be closed forever, but the heritage of its workers remains. The banners on the lampposts proclaimed, "Many nations, one people." This is a lesson for all.

Santorum's recent political ads divide our world into "us" and "them" or more precisely, the "haves" and the "have nots." Santorum is a divider.

There are those who with the privilege of being born citizens or the means to immigrate legally. The rest fit into a group Santorum would call "them." Of course, the gentleman from Virginia, oops, Penn Hills, reminds us that his grandfather and father emigrated from Italy—legally—seeking a better life. Today, families leaving native lands to settle in Pennsylvania and the US, arrive with the same dream as yesterday's immigrants - a better life.

Undocumented workers don't just walk across the border and take jobs away from honest, hard working Americans. The immigrants from Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, and numerous other countries in the other America, risk their lives and meager fortunes crossing into this country for something better. They mostly take jobs no one else wants. How is that stealing away jobs?

Hazelton

Santorum must love Hazelton, where city council passed an ordinance requiring all city documents be printed in English. Landlords face a $1,000 fine for each illegal immigrant who rents from them. Businesses employing illegal immigrants will not be granted operating licenses. Now that's a caring community.

How welcome would Santorum's grandfather have felt if he met that kind of narcissistic nonsense? The mayor said, "(the) city wants to take back what America has given it." He forgets that what America and the rest of the world has given it are the tired, the poor, the huddled masses yearning to breathe free.

However, in Santorum's America, they better have visas, green cards, preferably white skin, be straight and speak English. Current US immigration law does not allow lesbian, gay or bisexual citizen or permanent residents to petition for same-sex partners to legally immigrate.

What happens to children of undocumented immigrants born in the US and who have full citizenship when their parents are jailed and deported? What happens to the same-sex partner of a US citizen? Who wrote "It Takes a Family?"

A frightening aspect of the Hazelton Immigration Relief Act is that the act is one step removed from a GLBT Relief Act. Each landlord renting to a gay person would be fined. Businesses employing gay people could have operating licenses revoked. Can you hear some mayor saying, "The city only wants to take back what God has given it." You know, Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve.

As other communities in central Pennsylvania enact similar immigration acts, can pink and black triangles be far behind? Nobody thought it could happen then; with vigilance, it will not happen now.

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Men's Health

by Chuck Fields, C5 Fitness

Resistance Training

By Chuck Fields, C5 Fitness

Let's look at Resistance Training (RT) as a component of your exercise program.

For years, muscular fitness occupied a rather awkward position on the fringe of the health and fitness movement. We had recognized its importance in athletics and for some physically demanding jobs, but we lacked evidence linking muscular fitness with overall health or the quality of life.

Muscular Fitness Important

Our view of muscular fitness has changed. We now realize RT that leads to muscular health has many positive outcomes. For example, muscular fitness is essential for avoiding the low back problems plaguing millions of Americans.

By strengthening abdominal muscles and the stabilizing muscles of the trunk, and in the process improving flexibility, resistance training has a powerful impact on the reduction of back injuries.

Decrease Osteoporosis

Also, in recent years we've learned that RT is an excellent way to avoid or reverse the crippling bone thinning condition known as Osteoporosis. We achieve the reversal by placing the bone under stress, (through load bearing exercises), which in turn increases the bone density, and reinforces the bone's structural integrity.

Improving and maintaining muscular strength allows freedom and independence later in life to complete daily tasks without relying on assistance from others. RT can play an important role in everyday activities like lifting, carrying groceries, mowing the lawn, and carrying items on a flight of stairs.

Overload Principle

There's one more aspect of RT - The Overload Principle. This principle forms the basis of all fitness training. Why? Because bodies becomes stronger through adaptation.

We must challenge our bodies at a sufficiently high level to stimulate the adaptive mechanisms, i.e. getting stronger or running further or faster. If the exercise or movement doesn't produce sufficient overload, no adaptation (improvement) will occur. This principle is also known as the S.A.I.D. concept or Specific Adaptation to Imposed Demand. Simply said: Improvements occur only to systems or areas of the body that are being trained.

Progressive Resistance Exercise

Proper overload is accomplished by skillfully regulating the frequency, intensity, and time of exercise in a progressive fashion. That principle is known as Progressive Resistance Exercise or P.R.E. With P.R.E. the overload on a specific area is gradually increased. As an individual adapts, or gets into better shape a greater amount of overload is needed to achieve further results.

History

By the way, here's a tidbit of history. This term, P.R.E. was adapted in about 1948 by a gentleman named Delorme for his method of developing muscular strength using weights. Even though the term P.R.E. was not used until 1948, the relationship between resistance exercise and muscle strength has been known for centuries.

P.R.E's benefits have been reported as early as ancient Greece. Greek mythology refers to Milo, the wrestler, who was reported to benefit from an obvious form of P.R.E. to improve his strength. Milo grained strength by lifting a small calf everyday until it reached its full growth. As the calf became larger, Milo became increasingly stronger.

With better understanding of the benefits attached to exercise and its relationship to health and wellness, following Milo's example makes sense.

Jason Miller
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Recent financial market developments have shown that you can't spell investment without "R-I-S-K." But experience suggests that simply by concentrating on two A's – Allocation and Averaging – personal investors can help to manage their investment risk. Time has shown that asset allocation and dollar cost averaging can be integral elements in a long-term investment strategy, especially when used for retirement savings.

Monitoring the Mix

After investing in multiple asset classes, as part of a suitable asset allocation, you and your financial professional will need to monitor your portfolio results in order to keep the right mix. You're likely to face some tough decisions along the way, but remember fundamental logic. Say you've decided on the following allocation for your portfolio: 60 % stocks / 30% bonds / 10% money market instruments, but the stock portion's growth quickly outpaces the increase in value of your bonds. Now you have to make a decision – Should you sell off a portion of the successful stock segment in order to buy more of the bonds and money markets, which aren't doing as well? Again, investing is about logic, not emotion. The answer is simple when you consider that the original asset allocation model was developed for a reason. It was based upon your personal risk tolerance and time horizon to your goal. Unless those items have changed, neither should your original allocation.

Don't sweat it though… That kind of question can give even disciplined and experienced investors a quick dose of indigestion. Complicating matters, you also have to evaluate the tax and transaction costs of buying and selling, and you need to consider allocation changes whenever your personal circumstances change. Remember to utilize Retirement Accounts deemed tax efficient by the IRS (i.e.: 401(k), Traditional & Roth IRAs, etc.), and of course the help of a financial services professional and tax advisor.

You might be able to make your life somewhat easier, and still benefit from the time-tested advantages of asset allocation by purchasing mutual funds that practice allocation strategies similar to yours. Even so, that won't excuse you (and/or your financial professional) from regularly monitoring your asset mix if you intend to maintain a truly diversified and appropriately balanced portfolio.

"Time In The Market Is More Important Than Timing The Market"

This old adage states a basic truth for those looking to set up a portfolio for the long-term:

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PA Environmental Council Represents a Tradition of Innovation

By Brian J. Hill

Pennsylvania Environmental Council

My family and I live in the east end of Harrisburg in a neighborhood conceived by Horace McFarland, one of the state's leading conservationists of the early 20th Century. A local businessman inspired by the natural world, McFarland developed a neighborhood that followed the contours of the local landscape. Viewed as innovative at the time, his "Bellevue Park" incorporated some of the best ingredients of community planning, resulting in a neighborhood with a true "sense of place."

It is my belief that Horace McFarland would have been attracted by Pennsylvania Environmental Council's mission.

As a statewide non-profit environmental organization, our historic involvement in land use and community design would have resonated with him. I believe that it is also quite possible that he would have been intrigued by our ongoing efforts to show that a thriving economy and a healthy environment go hand in hand.

This truism is becoming widely accepted now, but during decades of skepticism PEC distinguished itself by helping to craft public policies that met both ends. Here are just three quick examples of PEC initiatives that improve and protect our state's natural resources while supporting sustainable economic growth.

Sustainable Economic Growth

Sixteen years ago, PEC encouraged Pennsylvania's Congressional delegation to support a "cap and trade" program for sulfur dioxide – a precursor to acid rain - as part of the federal Clean Air Act amendments. We and others believe substantial savings and environmental improvements result from a market–based program allowing facilities with the lowest cost for reducing emissions to go beyond their regulatory requirements and then trade "credits" to facilities that face higher costs for reductions on a per pound basis.

The cap and trade program was added to Title IV of the CAA in 1990; US EPA now estimates that by 2010 this program will reduce compliance cost by at least $12 billion and will lead to an additional reduction in emissions of more than forty percent by 2020.

Pfizer Corporation

In 2002, PEC explored creation of a similar cap and trade program for water quality, particularly nutrients and sediments. We worked with Pfizer Corporation in Lancaster County on a successful demonstration project and more recently have helped PA DEP craft a policy with wider applications.

DEP is burnishing this new trading tool through a stakeholder process, and will launch a refined policy this autumn. In response to the new market, entrepreneurs, such as the farm consultant Red Barn Trading Company in south central Pennsylvania, are aggregating credits from farmers, who have gone beyond regulatory requirements for reducing runoff. Red Barn then provides credits to others

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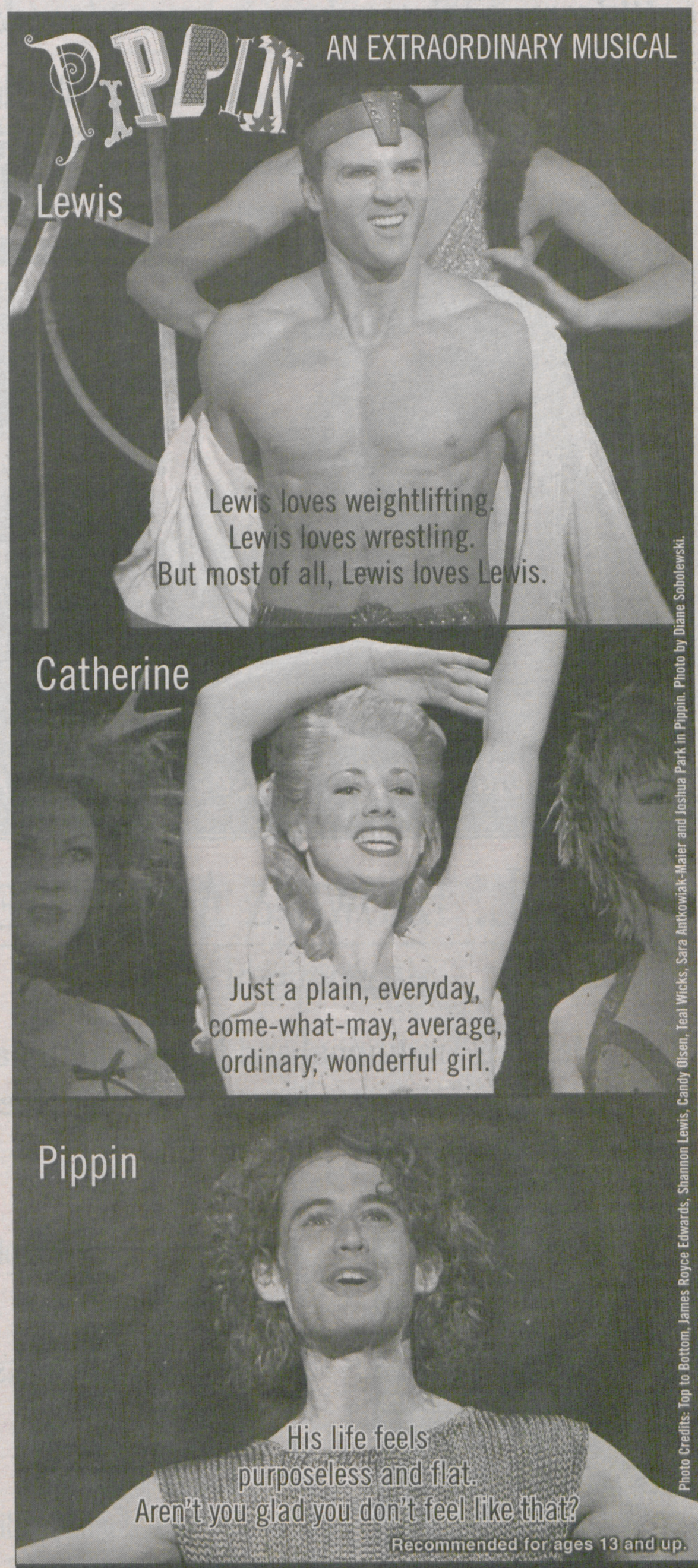

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Beaujolais, which is made from the Gamay grape, can always be counted on for a lively, fruity wine at great value, and unlike most reds, its soft tannins pleases many novice wine drinkers. This vividly colored vintage from Duboeuf bursts with raspberry and plum, and its striking acidity pairs well with everything on the Thanksgiving table, from roasted turkey to sweet potatoes.

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This California Sauvignon Blanc explodes with grapefruit and honeydew on the palate with a touch of the grape's trademark grassy quality. An easygoing wine that you can drink on its own, but it is also excellent with simply prepared seafood and citrus-y salads.

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A Burgundy-style Chardonnay at an all-American price, this affordable bottle is sure to be a crowd-pleaser. The clear, straw-colored wine brims with stone fruit and a hint of vanilla. This California wine is also the perfect foil for a New England-inspired feast of lobster and clams, as well as being a good match for hard-to-pair traditional sides like creamed corn and butternut squash.

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Often called the all-American grape, Zinfandel deserves a place on every holiday table, especially since its bold, jammy flavors can stand up to a prime rib dinner with all the fixings. Gobs of fruit are the hallmark of this wine, with cherry and raspberry steamrolling over the palate. Detectable tannins also make this appropriate for tomato-focused dishes from the Italian table.

Lesbian Notions: Creating New Allies

by Libby Post

I love South Beach - it's that art deco strip of Miami Beach where many of the concrete buildings are truly works of art.

I love South Beach for the visuals, for the clear turquoise water that is in such sharp juxtaposition to the cold North Atlantic water that I brave only when the temperature is above 90 degrees at the beach on consecutive days. I love SoBe, as the natives call it, because it's so gay.

We spent eight days there for vacation recently without a hint of homophobia, although we were in a state where gays are forbidden to adopt despite the thousands of children in need of loving parents and where the radical Christian right has continued to make tremendous inroads because W's brother, Jeb, has laid out the red carpet for them.

The trip was lovely, but I knew all we had to do was take a drive along the turnpike to the center and panhandle parts of the Sunshine State and things would be a lot different - but not as bad as one could imagine, thanks to the work of Equality Florida (EQFL) and its leader, Nadine Smith.

Forty years old, African American, lesbian, former Air Force Academy cadet, co-chair of the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights - this just begins to describe Smith, one of the leaders of the regional LGBT community. She has taken on the task of organizing LGBT people and supportive straight folks in the state that brought us Anita Bryant, whose late 1970s vitriol gave us Florida's present adoption laws.

"Among Equality Florida's primary goals is repealing that ban," Smith told me in a recent phone interview. "The state is denying children loving homes. It is a daily insult to LGBT people." To reach that and EQFL's other political goals, she is using a strategy of building strong bridges between gay and straight Floridians.

"The primary weapon of the far right is attacking us and our families," said Smith. "This also creates a tremendous opportunity for us to mobilize not only our own community but the allies we haven't fully tapped - family members, friends, co-workers."

She contends that the more we share ourselves with straight people, the more likely they are to become allies. "When we share our stories, the people who care about us are willing to do something about the discrimination we face."

Smith also sees the 2008 presidential election as "an opportunity for us to do what every successful social justice and civil rights movement has done - engage the conscience of the majority to stand shoulder to shoulder with us." But as any good

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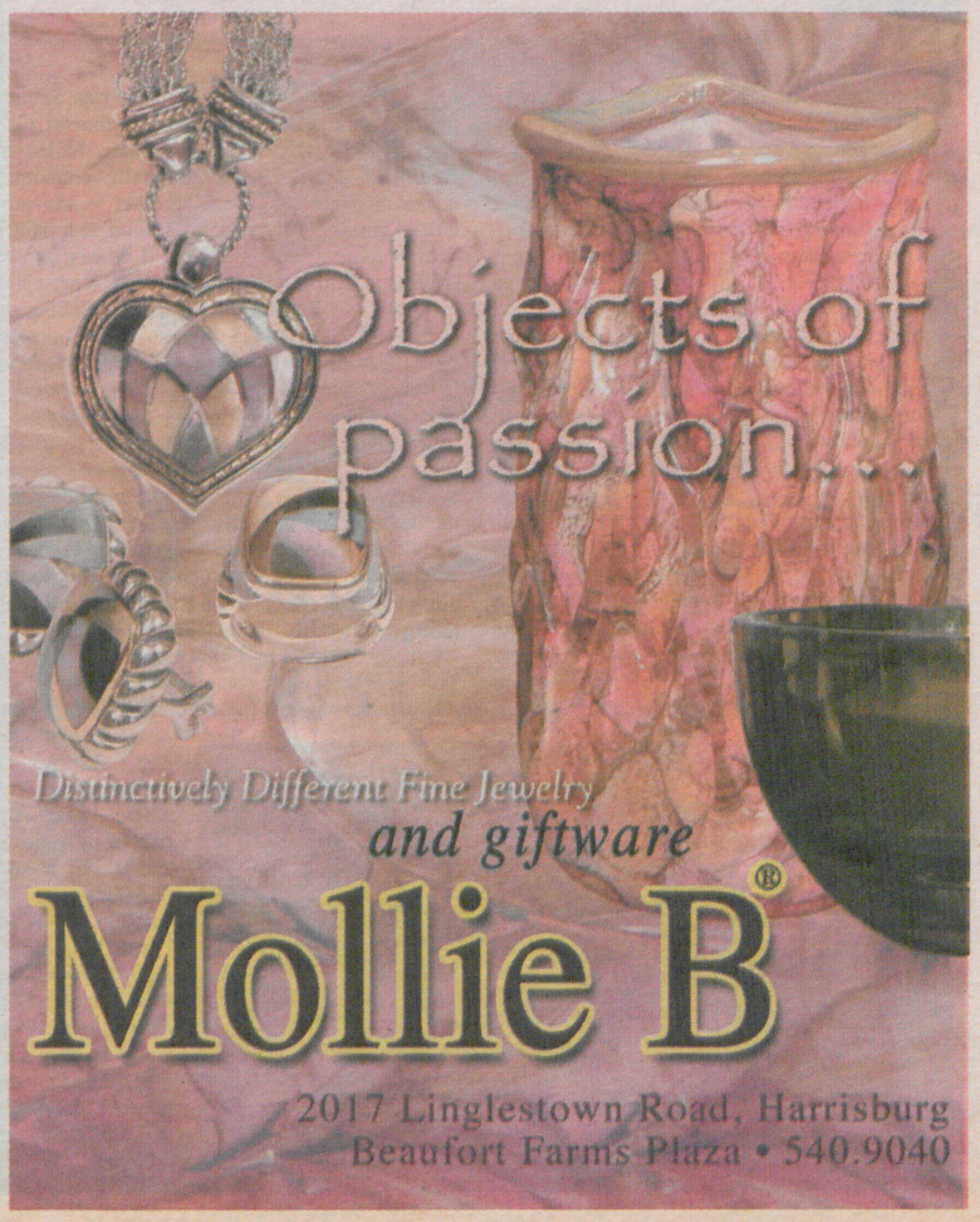

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FLAMING AGNES

by John DiLeo

According to most sources, December 6 marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of the beloved character actress Agnes Moorehead. (Some sources say this milestone happened six years ago.) Agnes, who died in 1974, is best remembered for her long-running role as the glamorous witch Endora, a supernatural Auntie Mame, on the sitcom *Bewitched* (1964-72). With her fiery red hair and eye-popping wardrobe, Endora made spectacular entrances out of thin air, often suddenly seated on daughter Samantha's kitchen countertop and ready for mischief. Though the role never won her an Emmy, it brought her television immortality and an avid gay following. Whether or not Agnes was a lesbian, as was often rumored, she is still a gay icon, an actress revered for the fierce theatricality with which she attacked roles. Frequently brilliant, sometimes awful, Agnes was never dull. In addition to her small-screen success, she was acclaimed in the theatre *(Don Juan in Hell)*, on radio *(Sorry, Wrong Number)*, and for thirty years of impressive big-screen work.

When Orson Welles came to Hollywood to make his first film, Agnes came along as part of his Mercury Theatre players. It was an auspicious start, making her screen debut in *Citizen Kane* (1941), the movie often hailed as America's finest. Her emotionally contained, one-scene role as Kane's mother is an austere beginning for an actress soon recognized for her flamboyance. She would be cast as any ethnicity (Chinese in *Dragon Seed,* Norwegian in *Our Vines Have Tender Grapes,* Sicilian in *Jessica,* etc.) and in a diverse range of parts (the 105-year-old woman in *The Lost Moment,* Queen Elizabeth I in *The Story of Mankind,* a pioneer woman in *How the West Was Won,* etc.).

Her greatest performance came early, in *The Magnificent Ambersons* (1942), Welles's second masterpiece, an exquisite domestic drama set at the dawn of the Industrial Age. As Aunt Fanny, a childish spinster prone to hysterics, Agnes is electrifying. She goes to the edge, perilously close to going over the top in a daring and shattering portrayal that exposes a pitiable woman's ferocious intensity and unbearable vulnerability. The New York critics named her the year's Best Actress, but she lost the supporting Oscar to Teresa Wright for *Mrs. Miniver,* a performance nowhere near the caliber of Agnes's.

She got a second Oscar nomination as an elegant French baroness in the Greer Garson vehicle *Mrs. Parkington* (1944) and was also seen that year as the gossipy bitch in the WWII home-

front saga *Since You Went Away.* In the weak Bogie-Bacall film noir *Dark Passage* (1947), Agnes is so excitingly wired as a romantically scorned murderess that she exits the film crashing through a plate-glass window, careening to her death. It's the only fitting, even logical, climax for a performance of such outrageous volatility. To experience Agnes in her shameless-overacting mode, catch her as the theatre costumer in the underrated WWII drama *The Seventh Cross* (1944), or as the pawnbroker in the Gregory Peck stinker *The Great Sinner* (1949).

Agnes was also capable of subtlety and restraint. She was especially moving as Jane Wyman's brusque yet loving farmwoman aunt in the tenderly affecting *Johnny Belinda* (1948), netting herself a third Oscar nomination. In *Caged* (1950), a women's-prison drama fraught with "acting," Agnes's sympathetic warden functions as the film's honest, solid connection to reality. She was back at Wyman's side, lending warmth and support, in *Magnificent Obsession* (1954) and *All That Heaven Allows* (1955), two celebrated, if overrated, Douglas Sirk melodramas. Agnes makes a choice comic appearance as prince Alec Guinness's queen mother in *The Swan* (1956), a rapturous romantic-comedy period piece into which she arrives late but commands

her brief screen time with a grand royal presence.

Agnes's final major screen performance was as Velma, Bette Davis's longtime servant, in *Hush...Hush, Sweet Charlotte* (1964), a *Baby Jane*-style occasion for high camp. While Bette, shrieking throughout, isn't at her best, Agnes is a white-trash hoot, resulting in her fourth and final Oscar loss. With a heavy Southern drawl, and line readings pitched way high, Agnes is funny, grouchy, and sarcastic, mumbling as she slouches and shuffles her way through Bette's decaying mansion. And her hair is an uncombed fright! Agnes's commitment to the role's physicality and larger-than-life emotions is absolute, including a surprisingly protective attachment to Bette's Charlotte (who is going round the bend). As in *The Magnificent Ambersons,* Agnes showed that to inhabit a character fully you need the courage, imagination, and energy to risk falling on your face. Aunt Fanny and Velma serve as towering bookends to a bewitching career.

John DiLeo's most recent book is *100 Great Film Performances You Should Remember But Probably Don't.*

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All this will changed early last July, when the Fauchère once again welcomed guests following a painstaking five-year restoration led by Milford businessmen Richard L. Snyder and Sean Strub.

The highly complex project adhered to rigorous US Department of the Interior historic restoration guidelines, and the result is the transformation of a derelict building into an architectural gem at the center of Milford, which *Atlantic Magazine* once called "the prettiest county seat in America". Milford is in the Delaware River Highlands, 75 miles from Manhattan.

Hosted by a management team including General Manager Richard P. Pleasants and Jennifer Hazen (rooms division manager), the Fauchère is poised to reclaim its position as the regional epicenter of hospitality and fine dining. Both Richard and Jennifer bring a level of luxury and standard of service to Hotel Fauchère honed by years with renowned properties including the five star Temenos Villas in Anguilla (Richard) and Amanresorts in Southeast Asia (Jennifer).

Meticulous Restoration

The restoration has reused as much of the original historic fabric of the building as possible, including a marble floor in the front hallway and other character-defining architectural details. Upon entering the building, guests will experience the hotel's quiet elegance in both the classic warmth and hospitality customary to a family-run European hotel, as well as with modern amenities expected by the sophisticated traveler.

The 16 luxurious guestrooms evoke the Fauchere's gracious past, while offering modern accoutrements, like high-speed wireless internet access, flat screen televisions, I-pod docking stations, heated towel bars and radiant heat in the marble and bluestone bathroom floors. In a refreshing twist on the mini-bar, guests will be greeted by a picnic hamper of delicacies packed to their personal specifications and included, along with breakfast, in the nightly rate. The warm décor provides the ultimate in comforts with Frette bath and bed linens—given a distinctly European slant with dual down comforters—indulgent Kiehl's amenities, and a bath or shower configuration unique to each room.

Culinary Destination

Guests will stay at Hotel Fauchère for the dining experience alone. Under Chef Michael Glatz's direction, The Delmonico Room at Hotel Fauchère seats 80 and boasts a traditional yet modern menu with natural ingredients obtained from local and regional producers and the owner's own organic farm. The restaurant's décor includes a collection of fascinating vintage menus from the best-known restaurants in Europe in the 1920's . Chef Glatz will selectively recreate these menus for today's modern palate paired with today's vintages of the suggested wines of the past.

Bar Louis

The sleek international-style downstairs bar and lounge, Bar Louis, features the photography of artist Christopher Makos, whom Andy Warhol called "the most modern photographer in America" and the Hilton Brothers, a collaboration between Makos and Paul Solberg. Bar Louis will feature live entertainment and an eclectic menu that samples traditional cuisines from regions around the globe.

The original Hotel Fauchère was opened in the mid-19th century by Louis Fauchère, the Swiss-born French-speaking master chef at New York City's world-famous Delmonico's restaurant. Run by the Fauchère family for 125 years, the Fauchère guest book registry reads as a veritable "Who's Who" of the 19th and 20th centuries including such luminaries as Robert Frost, Sarah Bernhardt, President Theodore Roosevelt, President Franklin Roosevelt, President John F. Kennedy, General William Tecumseh Sherman, Franz Liszt, Jr., and captains of industry such as Henry Ford, the Carnegies and the Rockefellers. Early film pioneer D.W. Griffith shot several of his silent epics in the area, and was thus a regular of the Fauchère, along with many early stars of the silver screen, including Dorothy and Lillian Gish, Pearl White, Mary Pickford and Charlie Chaplin.

Milford & Pike County

In recent years, the Milford area has begun to re-emerge as a regional center for arts and culture and a serene retreat for harried New Yorkers. The Fauchère is across the street from the county courthouse in the heart of Milford's historic district. The town also features architecture by Calvert Vaux, Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., Richard Morris Hunt, Hunt & Hunt, Chester Aldrich, McKim, Meade & White and others.

"Bloody Lincoln Flag"

The Fauchère is also near The Columns Museum, which houses the famous "bloody Lincoln flag" upon which the slain president's head rested after he was mortally wounded. Milford is home to Grey Towers, the Richard Morris Hunt-designed Pinchot family mansion which has recently opened to the public after undergoing a more than $20 million renovation by the federal government. The area even has a quaint, working mill with a large wooden waterwheel.

Delaware Water Gap Recreation

Pike County boasts numerous recreation opportunities in the 70,000 acre Delaware Water Gap National Park, as well as several options exclusive to the Fauchère. For example, guests have access to "The Private Mile"—an exclusive mile-long stream of class A trout fishing just minutes from the hotel. Knowledgeable anglers may book private excursions or the hotel will arrange for a guide and/or instructor for novices as well as lunch and transportation. The staff can also arrange for lunch or dinner to be served at the hotel's private waterfall. Llama Trek picnics feature a half-day hiking excursion into the surrounding woods, with llamas packing a gourmet lunch and hammocks to be set up for the guests' enjoyment at their destination.

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Mechanicsburg Art Guru Jeff Van Boskirk

Mechanicsburg art guru Jeff Van Boskirk has been busy adding venues.

He first opened 2nd Floor Gallery November 2002. His mission then was to offer not just another gallery but a "destination for art" where people can "experience art," Van Boskirk says. He has artist studios in each of the galleries where people can watch artists at work. The artists attend all receptions and are amenable to explaining their work.

"We want the public to learn more about art not just purchase a pretty piece," he says. He also wanted to help artists learn about selling their work. "We educate artists on marketing, sales and general information on galleries work." Van Boskirk says that his venues do not want to compete with art associations "because we want to support the ones already in the area."

Adding to the scene, Van Boskirk recently added Gallery 114 and Gallerie Thirteen – 13, both in Mechanicsburg.

Gallery 114 opened last May and houses one large artist studio and the gallery of Franz Fox as well as International, local and regional art

Gallerie Thirteen – 13 was born when a store front on Main St. became available last May. The extra space would allow Van Boskirk to have a larger number of artist studios. The studios at 2nd Floor Gallery are booked for years with a there's waiting list. In 13 each month there will be a different artist featured with a reception. Most of the art will be local and regional artists with some from the Philadelphia area.

How will all three venues work? Each gallery is open on a regular schedule. Receptions at the 2nd Floor are called "Gallery Saturday" and feature two artists monthly. The gallery actually houses six artist studios, coffee bar, front patio, sculptural gardens and more than 60 local artist's works on a regular basis. The receptions offer refreshments and live music and are open to the public with free admission. Attendance is usually more than 200 people.

Gallery 114 is directly across the street and stays open for this event and has refreshments and live music. People will travel between the two galleries.

Gallerie 13 will have a different featured show monthly with the receptions scheduled on the first Friday of the month. Each artist who has studio space in the gallery will be present to interact with general public. These openings will also have refreshments, live music and free admission. Next spring we will add sculptural gardens at this location also.

"Having these three locations in the same town allows us to make Mechanicsburg an art destination. We hope to bring people in from outside the area," Van Boskirk says

This development reflects a renewed interest in economic development in downtown Mechanicsburg under the auspices of Main Street Mechanicsburg, a downtown revitalization organization. "We have opened these galleries, several coffee shops have opened and there are new stores opening every month, plus two bed and breakfasts' opening soon," Van Boskirk says.

A Body of Art – on the body itself – intrigued art lovers at a recent "live models" art show at **Jeff Van Boskirk's** 2nd Floor Gallery in Mechanicsburg. Van Boskirk also owns Gallery 114 and the recently launched Gallerie Thirteen.

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- *"Gallery Saturday" & Black Tie Holiday Party* - Open Wine and Cheese Reception - December 16th - 7pm - 11pm. Featured artist 1st Floor: Douglas Ian Koozer, Featured artist 2nd Floor: Joseph J. Dudding, Live music by Louis Lynch

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- *"1st Friday Artist Reception"* - November 3rd, 6pm - 9pm
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- *"Downtown Mechanicsburg Tree Lighting"* - Friday, November 24th, 6pm - 9pm. Events throughout downtown. Live music by - "Jazz Me" at Gallerie 13. Free admission. Music, refreshments, great art and holiday spirit!
- *"1st Friday Artist Reception"* - December 1st, 6pm - 9pm.
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"The Artist Presents" -
Tuesday, Nov. 14,6-8 PM
- Seminar for visual artists conducted by Terrie Hosey, free admission.

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One-Night Stand Exhibition-
Sunday, Nov. 19,4-7 PM,
-Appalachian Brewery, 50 N. Cameron St.,Harrisburg - $10 admission.
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"Hidley for the Holidays" -
Reception Friday, Dec. 1,5-8 PM.
Show runs thru Dec.28.
-Expressionist paintings by the late Li Hidley.

"Art Meets Fine Furniture" -
Thursday, Dec. 7, 6-8 PM
- Works by AAH artists displayed at Johnathan's Fine Furniture at 3440 Derry St., Harrisburg.
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Arts at 510 offers River-style & Jewelry offers through Nov.12 landscape and interior Hudson River-style oil paintings by Joseph Keiffer, New York. For Nov.14 – Dec. 9 they feature Judith Pyle, recipient of Craft First Prize Award at Art of State 2006. Pyle is a Gettysburg resident and will exhibit quality metal craft jewelry. Also on exhibit are abstract painting and clay wall pieces by Virginia's Laurie Fields, Studio at the Torpedo Factory, Arlington, VA.

510 North Third Street, Harrisburg, To Do Arts Calendar for November issue Arts at 510, 510 North Third Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101 / 717 724-1674 / www.artsat510.com

Christmas Candlelight Tour Dec. 10

When the Historic Harrisburg Association presents their Christmas Candlelight Tour on Sunday, December 10, Friends of Midtown will be participating by throwing open the doors of 1417 & 1419 N. 3rd St. The "rent this gallery" space, and our newly named "cheap date" next door are both in the heart of one of Harrisburg's oldest communities, Engletown and Hardscrapple. House tour walkers will be able to join FOM and begin their Christmas shopping early by selecting a work by one of Harrisburg's gifted artists. You'll be able to choose a painting or two by talented folks like Earl Blust, or Steve Wetzel or Kathy Busillo. You can also stroll through the Christmas Wonderland at 1419 N. 3rd created by some of Harrisburg's most promising young designers - truly a "cheap date" because while you may need a ticket for the rest of the house tour, our houses, generously supplied by WCI Partners, LP, are open and free to everyone.

Jonathan's Fine Furniture Hosts Artists Dec. 7

View shows one of many handsome settings inside **Jonathan's Fine Furniture and Décor**. With Art Association of Harrisburg, Jonathan's hosts seven artists Dec. 7, 6-8 pm (no admission). 717-236-1432.

Seven artists affiliated with the Art Association of Harrisburg display their work Dec. 7, 6-8 pm (no admission) in the stylish ambiance of Jonathan's Fine Furniture and Décor. Jonathan's attractive showrooms, at the corner of Harrisburg's Paxtang Ave. and Derry St., will provide handsome backdrops to the varied paintings of Andrea Lentz, Susan Benigni-Landis, Linda and Frank Rump, Linda McCloskey, Barbara Paseri Warfel, and Sharon Jenne.

The exhibition also offers hors d'ouevres and wine, and no admission charge. The Art Association of Harrisburg joins forces with Jonathan's Fine Furniture for this innovative venture.

Andrea Lentz, a new AAH member, is an abstract painter in acrylics. Susan Benigni-Landis is a plein air landscape painter, and Linda Benton-McCloskey is a mixed-media abstract painter. Linda and Frank Rump are landscape painters, while Barbara Paseri-Warfel paints still-lifes and portraits. Sharon Jenne is known for her finely detailed still life oil paintings.

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"Theatre Downtown Harrisburg Preview Draws 200"

Theatre Harrisburg VIPs **Julie Sherman**, theatre diva **Nancy Krevsky**, and artistic director extraordinaire Tom Hostetter drew numerous "Bravos and Brava" for their many years of support to the region's theatre scene.

Season Preview Mistress of Ceremonies **Ellen Hughes** quells the roar of the greasepaint.

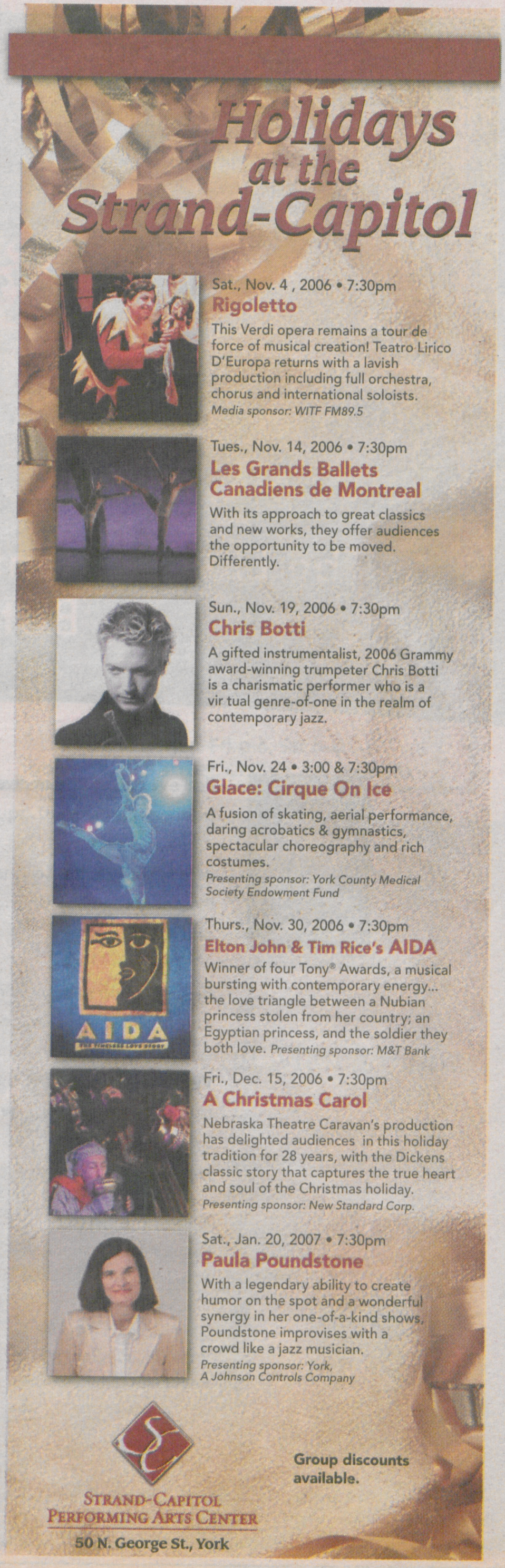
Open Stage founder and artistic director **Don Alsedek** and GAMUT Theatre Group's **Melissa Nicholson** moved with ease through the crowd sharing highlights of their spectacular upcoming seasons.

Open Stage Dreamgirls lead **Manuella H. O'Brien** dreams it up with attendees.

Young professionals enjoy the upscale ambiance. L-R **Matt Zeigler**, **John Hanks**, **Amina Kim**, and **Audrey Vovanqui**.

GAMUT Theatre Group's resident theatre manager **Amber Wagner** and (much valued) volunteer **Sean Adams** host their booth with flair. GTG is home to Harrisburg Shakespeare Festival and the ever-popular Pop Corn Hat Players for children and families.

Drawing 200 guests, Theatre Downtown Harrisburg Season Preview campaign administrator **Krista Quickel** (L) and campaign manager **Melissa Snyder** hosted the region's theatre lovers. "Dinner downtown followed by a first-rate theatre is a winning combination," says Quickel.



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VOTE ON NOVEMBER 7

and Queer Nation, along with potent drug cocktails, are the reasons I am alive today. It has always been important that AIDSvertising be in your face. I remember the irony of turning 40 and 40 being the number of friends that I had lost to AIDS. I remember nurses that were fearful of entering the hospital rooms of my friends for fear of catching the "Gay cancer". Looking back, it seems chaotic and sad.

Then began the commercialization of HIV, which included physicians running ads with their photos (why?) in gay rags. Every other page contained a national gay glossy for a viatical settlement (a.k.a. accelerated benefits), which allowed those with HIV to sell their life insurance for a lump sum cash payment. Then came the acronyms, AFA, APLA, GMHC, DDI, D4T, PAWS, DIFFA, and who could forget our blessed AZT? Betcha can't eat just one!

My how time flies when you're counting T cells. T cells are a subset of lymphocytes that play a large role in the immune response. As drugs have come and gone, and fundraising has gone from celebrity benefits to giving someone a dollar for every cartwheel they can turn, people are still being infected. We have gone through the shame of living with HIV, or so I thought. Recently, I have seen a spattering of ads that warn our young'ens of HIV. One ad depicts an emaciated man in a diaper and the gaunt face of another. These can be found in many of the slick glossies, some of which portray themselves as the voice of the gay community, when in fact, they are more of a gay Tiger Beat. For those of you who are too young to remember, Tiger Beat was a magazine targeted to young teens. These magazines run ads, with photos, of buff dudes in Speedos to depict a story about gay marriage.

The reason I find this new campaign so alarming is that it comes across as, you don't want to get HIV or you will look like this, or if you find out you are HIV positive, go buy a box of adult diapers immediately. Yes, I understand it is about prevention; however, we are not playing AIDS "Fear Factor". Just give us the facts. We can read and draw our own conclusions. Please leave the shock value to Bizarre magazine or National Lampoon.

Not only are these ads disrespectful to the HIV community, but they are a slap in the face to anyone who has been a caregiver to a person with Aids (PWA). While we have changed the diapers of our friends and lovers with AIDS, we did so with dignity and love. We pleaded with our sick friends to drink another Ensure, because they were so emaciated; however, we didn't expect to see them portrayed that way in a slick, glossy ad.

The irony is that these new ad campaigns are very similar, if not identical, to the "Halloween Hell Houses" that are put on, yearly, by the extreme right-wing religious elements. For those of you who have never heard of "Halloween Hell Houses," this is an outreach event that is structured very much like a typical haunted house that people visit and walk through. These houses guarantee to sure scare the "Hell" into you -- and hopefully right back out of you -- anyway! It really is a "Reefer Madness" response. This could easily be a advertising blitz put out by Pat Robertson in conjunction with Depends diapers.

No one wants to be diagnosed with HIV, not because you might end up thin and in a diaper, but because it is a virus that destroys your immune system and can shorten your life. No one wants cancer, not because they may end up bald, but because it is a painful, debilitating, and deteriorating disease.

Now that I am nearing the tender age of 50, I am not as attractive as I was when I was 20. However, my will to live is stronger now than ever before. While I respect the message of HIV prevention, I think it can be accomplished with a bit more tact and respect.

I do not, by any means, suggest that I am the voice of all people living with HIV. I am just one voice, just one opinion. So what gives me the right to speak out against this particular campaign? Well, as the fine folks at L'Oréal might say, "Because, I'm worth it."

Bold ital Jack is a TV personality/comedian & host of QTV's Queer Edge with Sandra Bernhard. For more info on Jack E Jett, visit his website at www.jackejett.com

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I am pleased that PEC could play a role in this initiative, and I believe that this new investment strategy by the state treasurer links environmental protection and economic development, and puts Pennsylvania at the forefront of a national trend to promote sustainable economic development. It is both progressive and prudent.

Information and sign-up for a free newsletter: www.pecpa.org.

Brian J. Hill is President & CEO of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council. He has served for 18 years in numerous posts in the organization. From 2004 – 2005, he worked in Governor Ed Rendell's policy office.

Jason Miller continued

the sooner you can begin a periodic investment program, the better. Many financial professionals favor dollar cost averaging - the disciplined practice of making regular, periodic investment purchases with the same dollar amount each time you buy. In that way, you'll be buying more shares when the price is low, and fewer when it's high.

The inherent discipline of such an approach is generally regarded as far more sound than trying to time your purchases to market developments. Not only is that difficult to do, but the hesitancy that may result could cost you some excellent opportunities as you sit on the sidelines.

Dollar cost averaging, over time, may allow you to achieve a lower average cost per share versus the share price of your investment in the future. Bear in mind that there is no guarantee that dollar cost averaging will ensure a profit, or protect your investment against losses in declining markets. Since this strategy involves continued investment, you should carefully consider your ability to continue purchases through periods of low price levels. If the affordability is there, any form of long-term self-forced savings means a lot of accumulation as you approach the end of your investment time horizon.

In summary, the appropriate Asset Allocation and utilizing the strategy of Dollar Cost Averaging spells S-U-C-C-E-S-S when hedging Investment Risk.

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Lesbian Notions continued

political organizer will tell you, laying the groundwork to achieve your goals is key to success. She may be looking at 2008, but Smith has been organizing across Florida since 1996, when EQFL was founded.

To curtail the radical Christian right's "infiltration of black churches," one of her political strategies is to reach out to Florida's African-American community.

"We're producing exciting conversations and exciting possibilities. We're finding allies in places that were unexpected."

Her work is also having an impact beyond the African-American community. Smith recently got an e-mail from a conservative Republican who asked what he could do to help. "He told me Florida's adoption ban was immoral, that gay parents make good parents and that he wanted to be visible in putting the word out."

Straight allies, conservative Republicans, African-American clergy and laypeople - Smith is bringing a new diversity to the LGBT rights movement in Florida, a natural extension of her desire to build a movement that truly reflects who we are racially, culturally, ethnically, and religiously.

"In this work, diversity can't be an afterthought, and lack of diversity as the visible face of this movement has real implications." The reason why the radical Christian right has made such inroads in black churches and communities of color, she contends, is because the face of the gay community to them has always been white.

Exposing the true diversity of the LGBT movement and giving strength to voices that traditionally go unheard are just two strategies in Smith's political arsenal. Realistically, they should be in the political playbooks of each of our organizations, from our local community centers to our national organizations.

Imagine the stories we could tell and the minds we could change. Clearly, Smith has.

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Thursday Nov 16th Amateur Strip Night Win $75 - 11pm
Sunday Nov 19th Biscuit's Benefit Show - 9pm
Wednesday Nov 22nd Thanksgiving Eve Karaoke & Dance Party - 10pm
Thursday Nov 23rd Latin Night - 10pm
Sunday Nov 26th Mr Stallions - 9pm

December
Thursday Dec 7th Goth Music Dance Night - 10pm
Sunday Dec 10th Miss Stallions Christmas Benefit Show - 9pm
Thursday Dec 14th 80's Music Dance Night - 10pm
Sunday Dec 17th Trivia Night Win Prizes and $50 - 9pm
Thursday Dec 21st Amateur Strip Night Win $75 - 11pm
Sunday Dec 24th Christmas Eve Dance Party - 10pm
Monday Dec 25th Christmas Night Dance Party - 10pm
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Friday Dec 22nd Amateur Strip Night Win $25 - Midnight
Sunday Dec 31st New Years Eve Dance Party - 10pm

Local World AIDS Day Dec. 1

Although AIDS is often described as a "chronic manageable illness" – mostly by individuals who don't have AIDS - it is still a hugely pressing public health issue.

To bring awareness to the continuing HIV health issue, three regional organizations are joining forces. On Dec. 1, 4-8 p.m., the public is invited to attend "Past, Present & Future - Dauphin County Remembers HIV/AIDS at Derry Street United Methodist Church, 1508 Derry Street, Harrisburg.

Sponsors are Gaudenzia New Options Program, AIDS Community Alliance, Pinnacle REACCH Program (serving HIV/AIDS patients), and Dauphin County Executive Commission Drugs and Alcohol.

Information: Patti Ward, 717-233-3424, tiggerp1964@yahoo.com

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November Events
Thanksgiving Eve - Doors open - 4 PM to 2 AM
Thanksgiving Day - Doors open - 8 PM to 2 AM. Happy Hour - 10 PM-midnight

December Events
Anniversary Celebration of 33 years - Monday, December 4th. Free buffet with all day give-away prizes
Christmas Eve - Doors open - 2 PM to 2 AM. Candlelight cocktails - 5:30 - 7:30 PM and free buffet
Christmas Day - Doors open - 8 PM to 2 AM. Happy Hour - 10 PM to midnight
New Years Eve December 31st celebration. Doors open - 4 PM to 2 AM.
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Nov. 18, 19 & 20

Carlisle Offers Cumberland Valley Arts & Antiques Celebration

Cumberland Valley Arts & Antiques (CVA&A) will be presenting its 9th annual, 3 day, holiday tour of art and craft galleries, art studios, antique shops and a performing art center. This year's tour, titled "Ringing the Bell for the Holidays," includes 20 sites in Carlisle, Shippensburg, Boiling Springs, Mechanicsburg and New Cumberland. Hours for the event are Fri. & Sat. 10-5, Sun. noon-4. Additionally, participating sites will be selling special, limited edition holiday ornaments, designed and crafted by two CVA&A members, with each town having its own distinctly colored ornament. The proceeds of the ornament sales this year will go to benefit The Salvation Army. Many sites will have Salvation Army bell ringers and kettles. For a free map/brochure after Nov. 1, contact The Garden Gallery in Carlisle, 249-1721; The Village Artisans, Boiling Springs, 258-3256; SHAPE, Shippensburg, 377-8842; Mechanicsburg Art Center School & Galleries, 697-2072; or Oxford Hall Celtic Shop, New Cumberland, 774-8789. This event showcases a quality mix of visual arts, crafts, antiques and performing arts from Cumberland Valley. Also, area restaurants are offering artistically themed specials. The public will also have the opportunity to meet and talk to many of the featured artists and craftspeople at the various galleries and studios.

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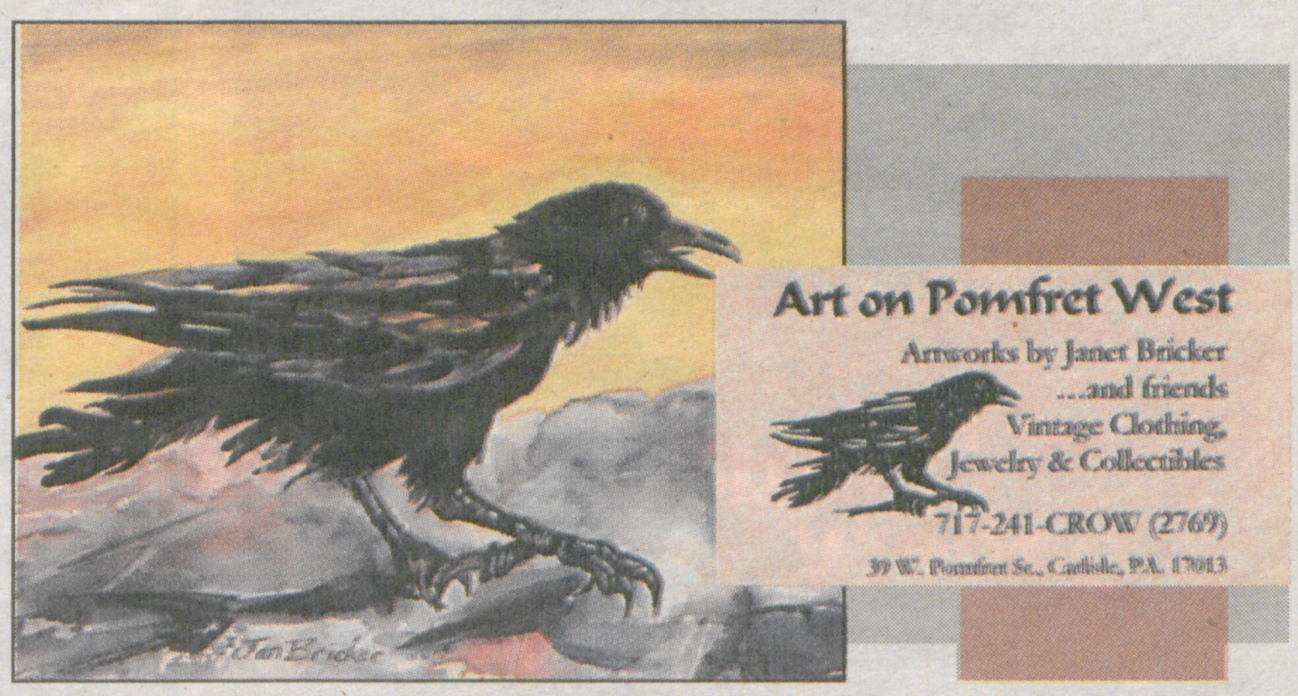

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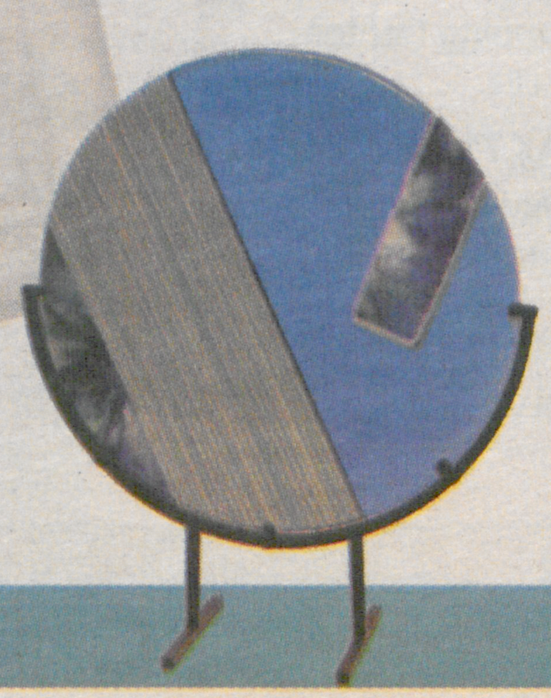

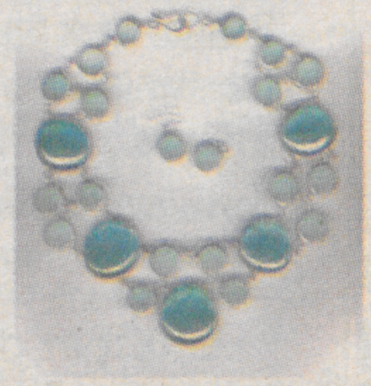

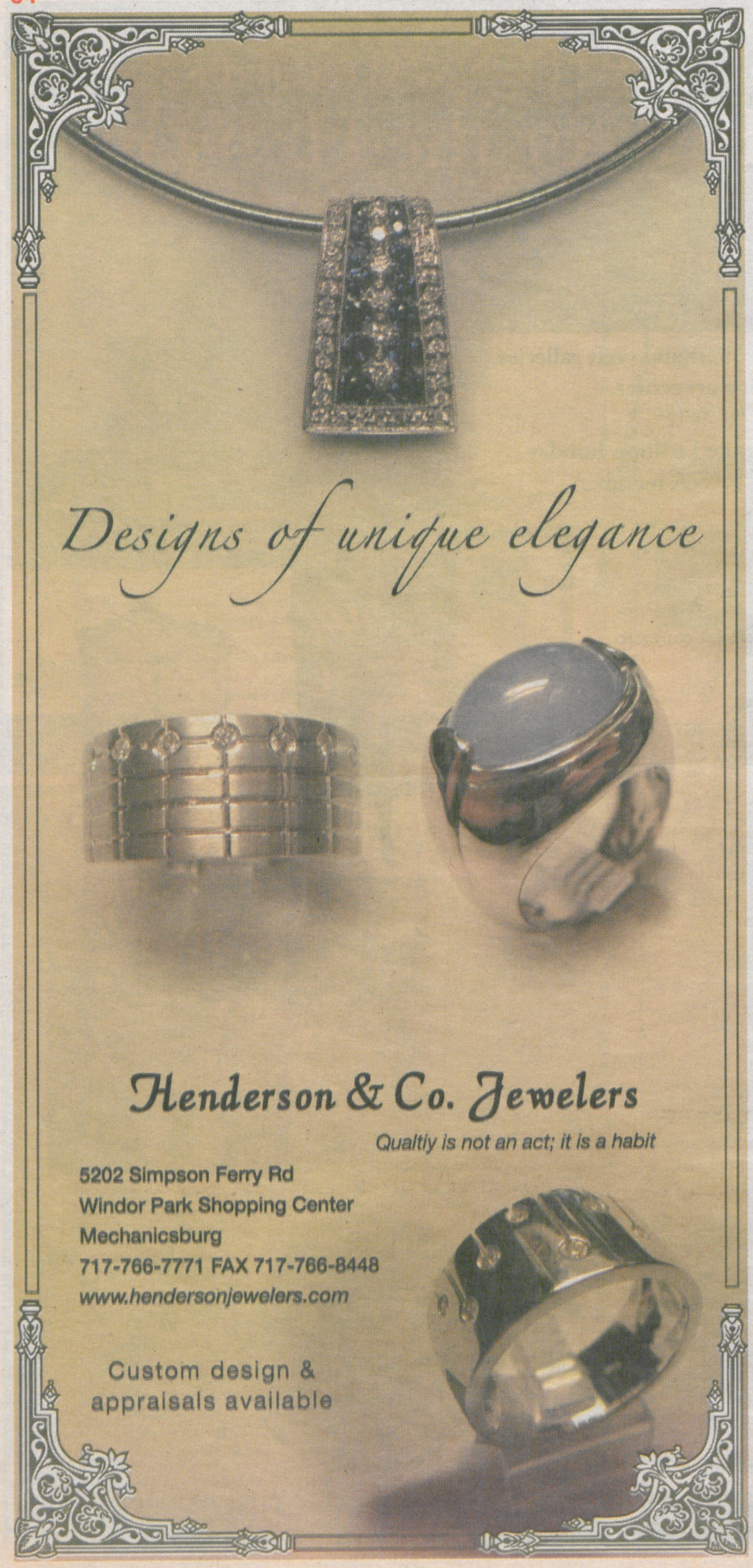

Gallerie 13 – Artist **Joe Dudding**, left, and art entrepreneur **Jeff Van Boskirk**, right, host PA **Lt. Gov. Catherine Baker Knoll** at **Gallerie 13's** Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in Mechanicsburg, PA.

Lesbian Nightlife Thrives in New York

Happy Hour at The Cubbyhole.

By Winnie McCroy
NYC Correspondent

If your idea of hot summer fun includes a trek to the Big Apple for a night of lesbian club hopping, you'd better have a good strategy. New York City offers much in the way of entertainment for us Sapphic sisters, and no matter your budget or time constraints or the type of fun you're seeking, Gotham guarantees to deliver. If nightlife to you means one thing - dancing in a huge room filled with hundreds of sweaty, toned women, then New York City has that in spades. For those of you traveling in a mixed group, hit the big weekend blowouts at the Roxy (515 W. 18th St., 212-645-5157) or Crobar (530 W. 28th St., 212-629-9000). If you're looking for the ladies, head to Lovergirlnyc at Club Shelter, (20 W. 39th St., 212-252-3397) where you will find cheap beer, DJ Mary Mac, and even the occasional wet T-shirt contest. This is the weekend's hottest dance party with the city's hottest go-go girls, including Keisha, Maine, Poison Ivy, and China. If you want to shake it to hip-hop, R&B and house music all night, this is the party for you. Or, for a slightly more upscale vibe, hit the Shescape party, (shescape.com) which rotates venues "from the Roxy to the Rainbow Room." This revolving party has a 25-year reputation for drawing the bridge-and-tunnel set with no qualms plunking down big bucks for designer outfits, not to mention the $20 cover fee. And Heaven, popular with the younger ladies, (579 Sixth Ave., 212-243-6100) has Celeste singing on Fridays and DJs spin reggaeton, Latin, hip-hop and house music on Saturdays.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA GAY AND LESBIAN ALLIANCE

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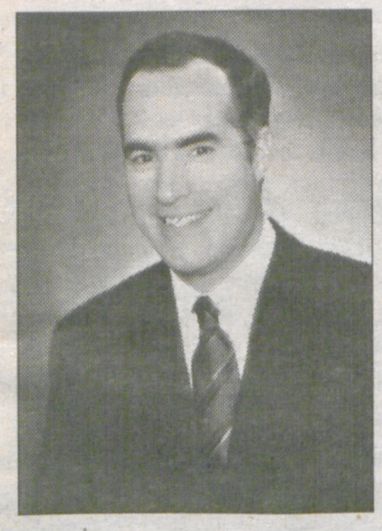

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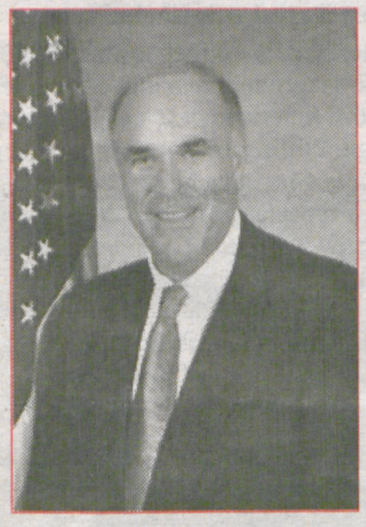

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Vote - Tuesday - Nov. 7th!

For every day, there is a different party. Brooklyn's hippest club Cattyshack (249 4th Ave., Brooklyn, cattyshackbklyn.com) welcomes all, but on some nights, caters to those who like to dress up in cowboy gear at their Shitkickers party, and on others, brings amores together for the Latin dance party. Young hip-hop fans dig Snapshot at Bar 13 (13th St. at University Pl., snapshotnyc.com). For ladies looking for a hot hookup, Henrietta Hudsons has dance parties all weekend long, including a gay prom on June 10 (438 Hudson St., 212-924-3347, henriettahudson.com). Celebrating 15 years of entertaining the ladies, Henrietta's is the number one lesbian bar, newly renovated with six plasma TVs, house music on Friday, hip-hop on Saturday and Latin music .on Sunday, plus karaoke nights and weekly specials. Neighborhood gay bar The Cubbyhole (281 W. 12th St., 212-243-9041) is a perfect place to start your happy hour, with drink specials and a fantastic jukebox. In Brooklyn, Ginger's (363 Fifth Ave., 718-788-0924) is the decompression chamber for drink specials, pool, or sitting back with the ladies in the canopy garden. If Latin music is your passion, head to Chueca in Queens (69-04 Woodside Ave., 718-424-1171, chuecabar.com). The first lesbian Latino bar, Cheuca has the hottest bartenders and shot girls, and turns out reggaeton on Fridays and Latin music on Saturday to keep your dancing feet moving. If you are looking for something low-key but classy, look to Rubyfruit Bar & Grill, (531 Hudson St., 212-929-3343, rubyfruitnyc.com) which draws a more upscale, mature clientele who come to enjoy the dining downstairs, or crowd around the piano bar upstairs. On a recent Saturday evening, acoustic band Amanda's Waiting played songs, including a cover of The Indigo Girls "Closer to Fine." Owner Debbie Fierro turns up the heat on the weekends with DJ Stacy and hot go-go girls, and satisfy that old-school craving with music from the 80s and 90s at their Saturdays Girls Room West parties. Over the last decade, cabaret has been growing in popularity, especially on the Lower East Side. Thanks largely to the hardest working man in showbiz Mr. Murray Hill, lesbians have been able to enjoy throngs of half-naked women spinning hula-hoops, singing, dancing and swinging on trapezes. For the past three years, his Ms. Lower East Side pageant has succeeded in being the most entertaining evening of the year. The new "L Word" hottie Daniela Sea was a competitor last year, strutting her stuff in her trademark mesh tank top. This year's festival will be held on June 18 at The Knitting Factory, (74 Leonard St., 212-210-3132, www.knittingfactory.com). Another hot spot for burlesque, drag, comedy and music is Brooklyn's Galapagos Art Space (70 N. 6th St., Brooklyn, 718-782-5188, galapagosartspace.com). The Art Jam series brings a queer-centric lineup, free burlesque shows on Mondays, loads of bands and poetry, Sunday karaoke and even a hipster Game Show with cash prizes, apropos to the Williamsburg vibe. And for those who like to take it all off and get down, hosts Felice Shays and Red bring you the all-women and trans party Submit (submitparty.com) on Houston St. and the queer, mixed-gender Spam underwear party in Park Slope (Submitparty.com, 718-789-4053 or Red@submitparty.com) "Our parties are the only public sex and BDSM parties in NYC," said Shay. "These parties are the places to be someone who you always wanted to be, get sexy, safe action, and live the queer dream (sans U-Haul): Meet someone, throw her against a wall, tie him to that pole, have your way, and then swap phone numbers and spit...or not. Or just watch that and more."

Theatre Roundup

Dec. 5 – 10

Hershey Theatre Presents New Production of "Pippin"

When Vincent Rodriguez III appeared in 42nd Street, Atlantic City Weekly hailed him as "the dancing star of the show…as Andy, the stage manager…like the Energizer bunny, he flies across the stage, the epitome of 'those dancing feet' from the title song." New York Post said, "...it's the dance line that deserves the biggest bow. They are a treat, especially captain Vincent Rodriguez III." Vincent will be displaying his talent in central Pennsylvania, when Hershey Theatre presents a new production of Pippin by Stephen Schwartz, composer of Wicked and three-time Oscar winner. Rodriguez's credits (Player/Understudy for Player/Charlemagne) include 42nd Street First National Tour and the original cast of Irving Berlin's White Christmas. He's a proud member of Actor's Equity. His web site is www.VR3rd.com. Pippin is packed with dazzling and imaginative songs such as "Magic to Do," "Corner of the Sky" and the audience sing-along "No Time at All." Winning five Tony Awards, Pippin originally opened on Broadway in 1972, and ran for 1944 performances as directed by Bob Fosse. Dec. 5 – 10; www.hersheytheatre.com.

Oct. 27-Nov. 19

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Stuff It for Holidays at Dec. 21 Winter Party

By Shane Thomas

It's just about that time of year again. The time for stuffing your face. The time for stuffing the holiday stockings. The time for stuffing yourself into a seat at the dinner table next to Uncle Jack.

You know Uncle Jack, the one who thinks that if "don't ask, don't tell" works for the Navy, it should work for the family, too.

Much as we all love our families, we know that their good points also come with some bad stuff. And while the holidays are about stuffing your face, they're also about facing your stuff.

That's why we're here. 30Below is about creating a healthy, supportive community where gay and bi guys ages 18 to 29 can be themselves. Take a break from the holiday hustle and hassle, and join us for our Winter Party on December 21. We're trying to create something really unique in our area: a fun, supportive atmosphere that provides an alternative to the same old "scene." To build that community, we need guys to pitch in and help make it happen.

That doesn't mean our Winter Party is going to involve a ropes course or role play. Come prepared to have fun, maybe meet some new guys, and play the role you're best at - yourself. If you like what you see, you may want to help us plan a future event.

Recently, we've held a sushi making "workshop," gone hiking at Pine Grove State Furnace, and made our annual pilgrimage to Field of Screams in Lancaster.

Sure, building a community takes a little effort, just like being part of a family. But the only real effort we're asking of you is just to show up.

We won't ask you to take your elbows off the table or sit next to Uncle Jack. Or be someone you're not. And who knows, maybe spending a little time in a supportive atmosphere will make it just a little easier to … well, you know, face your stuff. Information about our Winter Party or 30Below: thirtybelow@gmail.com.

Passage to India – Passage to India owner **Vishnu Shenoy**, (L), and Dine Out Co-Captions **Agnes Armstrong** and **Frank Pizzoli** greeted guests at region's premiere Indian restaurant.

AIDS Dine Out continued

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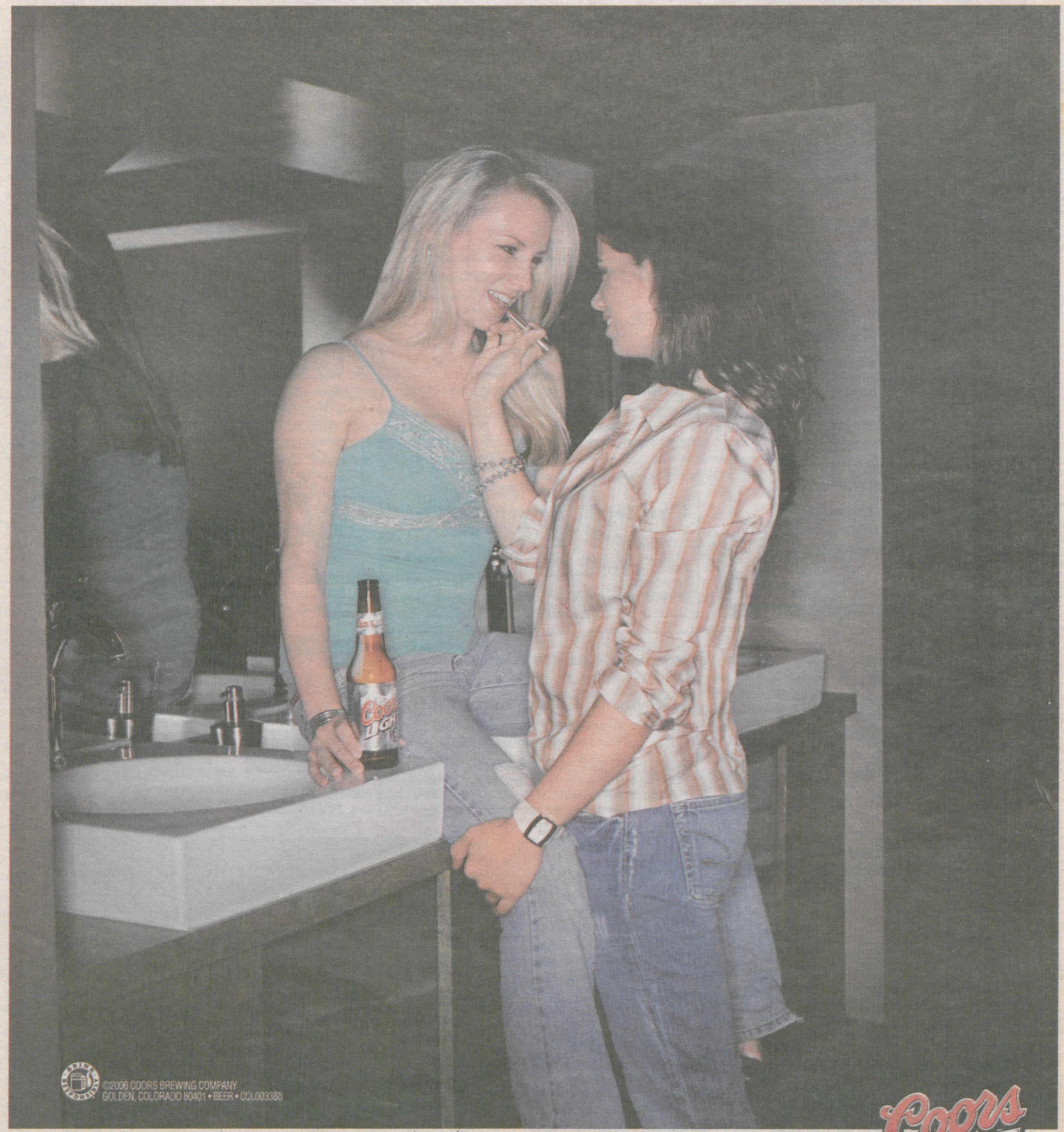

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